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PREFACE


THIS Edition follows the lines of the School Edition of 1891; but the notes have, in substance, been brought into harmony with the later 8vo edition. As before a few passages have been omitted, the notes have been slightly shortened and simplified, and in particular the discussion of questions of text has been dropped or curtailed.

The text, with short *apparatus criticus*, has been reprinted from that which is given in my edition for the *Scriptorum Classicorum Bibliotheca Oxoniensis*, and the spelling throughout has been brought into accordance with the rules of that series.

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SIGLA

- V* = codicis Blandinii vetustissimi lectiones a Cruquio
nobis traditae
B = codex Bernensis 363
A = codex Parisinus 7900^a
a = codex Ambrosianus 136
R = codex Sueco-Vaticanus 1703
λ = codex Parisinus 7972
l = codex Leidensis F. 28
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d = codex Harleianus 2688
φ = codex Parisinus 7974
ψ = codex Parisinus 7971
π = codex Parisinus 10310
u = codex Parisinus 7973
ν = codex Dessaviensis A
D = codex olim Argentoratensis in urbis obsidione
xxx abhinc annis incendio absumptus
τ = codex Turicensis C. 154
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σ = codex Sangallensis 864
R^s = codex Reginensis P. 2
γ = codex Parisinus 7975
C et *E* = partes duae codicis Monacensis 14685
g = codex Gothanus B. 61
Acr. = interpretationes Pseudo-Acronis
Porph. = interpretationes Porphyronis
Comm. Cruq. = Commentator Cruquianus

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THE TEXT, MSS., SCHOLIASTS, EDITIONS.

§ 1. THE text of Horace is one in which, if there are points which must always remain in uncertainty, the uncertainty is of a bearable kind. The worst result of a bad judgement will usually be only to prefer the least probable of two readings, either of which has something to say for itself, makes good sense, and has been supported by great scholars.

The MSS. are numerous though not very ancient. There are none of the same authority as the uncial MSS. of Virgil. The number is considerable of those which are placed between the end of the ninth and the end of the tenth century: there is one which by general consent is attributed to the ninth, and there is testimony to the reading in many places of one no longer existent which may probably be placed in the same century. We have (but in comparatively late MSS.) Scholia which in their original form can be traced with probability some to the fifth, some to the third century. Occasionally where doubt hangs over the form of some salient expression in Horace we find light thrown upon it by more or less certain imitations of it in Ovid or in later Roman poets. Lastly, we have numerous quotations, chiefly in the grammatical writers of the first five centuries. These are rarely of any very high value; partly because quotations are often made from memory¹, partly because such quotations are most commonly made to illustrate some metrical or grammatical point which is irrelevant to the difference of reading: there is nothing therefore to prove that the text as it stands in the quotation has not been adapted by a copyist to MSS. of the author as he knew them.

So far as external testimony goes, the evidence to which we

¹ Among slips of memory may probably be reckoned such readings as 'intonsis' (Quintilian) in Od. 1. 12. 41, 'lactea' (Flavius Caper) in Od. 1. 13. 2, 'Proteus' (Porphyryon) in Od. 1. 15. 5, and certainly 'vulpecula' (Servius) in Epp. 1. 3. 19.

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can appeal to determine a disputed reading contains in every department some element of uncertainty, and is not likely to be rated at the same relative value by all critics. The best MSS. at times give impossible readings. There are unsettled questions as to the independent value of particular MSS. The Scholia show manifest signs both of corruption and of interpolation. They support sometimes readings which metre or sense forbids¹. They sometimes differ from one another as to the text², and report differences as existing earlier still³.

It must not be supposed however that the criticism of Horace's text, any more than the criticism of other classical texts, turns entirely on the testimony of MSS. or Scholia. However far these carry us back, they leave us, on the one hand, with the certainty that varieties of reading existed, and that emendation on grammatical or other grounds had been at work already: and on the other hand they leave, if not very many blots which modern criticism has unanimously recognized and corrected, yet enough of these⁴ to make us feel that when the question lies between an *i* and an *e* or an *a*, one or other expansion of an ambiguous abbreviation⁵,

¹ See, for instance, Porph. on Od. 1. 27. 19 'laboras'; Acr. on Od. 1. 17. 9 'haedilia,' C. S. 5 'quos'; Comm. Cruq. on Od. 1. 12. 13 'parentum.'

² Among other cases see on Od. 1. 27. 13 'voluntas' Acr., 'voluptas' Porph.; Sat. 1. 1. 38 'patiens' Acr., 'sapiens' Comm. Cruq.; Epp. 1. 8. 12 'ventosus' Comm. Cruq., 'venturus' Porph.

³ For the testimony of the Scholiasts to various readings found by them in their MSS. see on Od. 2. 6. 24, Sat. 2. 1. 79, Epp. 2. 2. 80, A. P. 190.

⁴ The unmetrical 'tricenis' Od. 2. 14. 5, 'laborem' Epod. 1. 15, 'cubitale' Sat. 2. 3. 255 have overwhelming MS. support. The mistakes in proper names are notorious, e g. the Scholiasts show by their quotations from Homer that they had the right name in Od. 3. 20. 15, Epod. 15. 22, but all known MSS. but one has 'Nereus,' 'Nerea.' The certain form 'Alyattei' in Od. 3. 16. 41 has had to be restored by modern scholars, the MSS. being hopelessly at sea.

⁵ An illustration of this as a disturbing cause in the text of MSS. is probably to be seen in Epod. 4. 8, where all the MSS. but one read 'ter' though the sense absolutely requires 'trium.' The clue is given in B which stands alone in reading t. A similar misunderstanding, no doubt, led to the reading 'inter' instead of 'intra' in Epp. 2. 2. 114, 'hic . . . illi' instead of 'huic . . . ille' in Epp. 2. 2. 89. And this is the explanation also of the hesitation of MSS. between different forms, as 'hic' and 'hinc' Od. 1. 17. 14, 'ad hunc' and 'adhuc' Epod. 9. 17, 'quod' 'quia' 'qui' Od. 1. 12. 3, 'quo' 'quod' 'quos' C. S. 5, 'demoveas' 'dimoveas' Od. 1. 1. 13, 'distinet' 'detinet' 'destinet' Od. 4. 6. 10 and the like.

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and the like, MS. testimony cannot be held to settle it absolutely, without any appeal to grammar or sense.

I. MSS.

Ninth century or earlier.

§ 2. *Blandinius Vetustissimus* (V). Cruquius, a professor at Bruges, in making preparations for his edition¹, had had access to four MSS. then extant in the Benedictine abbey of St. Peter 'in monte Blandinio' (Blankenberg) near Ghent. These MSS. all perished (as he tells us in a note on the inscription to Book I of the Satires) in the sack of the abbey by a mob of Iconoclasts in 1566. His own estimate put them all as early as the ninth century, and one whose loss he especially laments he distinguishes from the rest as 'vetustissimus.' The readings which he cites from this constitute the famous V, round which so much of the criticism on Horace's text has turned.

The general opinion of editors, from Bentley downwards, has attached very high value to these readings. Keller and Holder, on the other hand, consistently undervalue them, placing the MS. among the more interpolated, and even suggesting that some of the better readings attributed to it were from Cruquius' own conjecture. Their treatment of the question has led to its careful re-examination by several scholars. The most judicial discussion of it is that by R. C. Kukula². While maintaining the good faith of Cruquius and the general value of the readings, he draws attention to some important limitations to our use of his testimony. He points out (1) that as the MSS. perished before any part of the edition except Odes IV was published, what we have to imagine is in the main not an edition prepared with the 'vetustissimus' before him, to be referred to again and again, but references to notes taken some years before. (2) That to be of any value his quotation must

¹ His full edition of the poet was not published till 1578, but it had been preceded by partial editions of Odes B. IV in 1565, Epodes in 1567, Satires in 1573.

² De Cruquii Codice Vetustissimo, Vienna, 1885. I would add Höhn, De Cod. Bland. antiquissimo, Jena, 1883; W. Mewes, Ueber den Wert des Cod. Bland. Vetustissimus, Berlin, 1882; Nettleship, Essays in Latin Literature, pp. 188 f.

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be distinctly given as from the 'Bland. vetustissimus' or from 'omnes Blandinii.' He makes it clear that no argument can be drawn as to its readings from his silence, or from any less definite descriptions, such as 'tres Bland.', 'unus Bland.', or even 'codd. Bland.' (3) That the use of his testimony must be strictly confined to the particular point for the sake of which his note shows that the reference is made, his practice being evidently in other respects to quote from memory or inexactly. A good instance occurs in Od. 4. 6. 28, where in the edition of 1565 he apparently gives 'Laetus Agyieu' as the reading of V, whereas in the edition of 1578 he gives 'Laetus Agylleu.' The notes, however, show that in his earlier edition he was merely concerned with the variation of 'laetus' for 'levis.' There are indications that he was aware of the second variation of 'Agylleu,' but set it aside as having found no other authority for the word. In 1578 he had found, as he thought, support for it in Strabo, and gives it therefore as the reading which he had seen in V and was now prepared to justify. It is such an instance as this which in less equitable construction had led to the imputations of carelessness and even bad faith which have been made against him. The general conclusions with respect to the MS. seem to be:

(1) That Cruquius overrated its actual age. According to his own testimony it was in cursive writing, and therefore was probably not older than the ninth century.

(2) That it was of uneven merit, the best readings from it being chiefly in the Satires and Epistles, while in the Odes it had some readings which bear signs of interpolation, as Od. 4. 2. 6.

(3) That in spite of such limitations it is of unique value, not merely as a good MS. amongst other good ones, but as giving, in parts of Horace at least, some readings which have every appearance of genuineness, and yet of which there is no trace in any existing MS. except in *g*, a Gotha MS. of the fifteenth century, which presumably gained them from it. Such is the famous 'Campum lusumque trigonem' in Sat. 1. 6. 126, where every other MS. but *g* reads the incredible 'rabiosi tempora signi.' In other words it gives us access to a tradition of the text independent of that of the other MSS.

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Ninth century.

§ 3. *The oldest Bernese MS. (B) (363 in the Public Library)* was first used by Orelli in forming his text, and has since been re-collated by Ritter for his edition, and by Usener for Keller and Holder. It has lately been reproduced by photography and is open to examination by all readers. It is assigned by Ritter and by Usener to the ninth century¹. It forms part of a quarto volume, which contains also Servius' Commentary on Virgil, two Treatises on Rhetoric, Bede's History, and Ovid's Metamorphoses. It is imperfect, omitting all the Epistles and the Satires (with the exception of the first two and part of the third of Book I) besides large portions of the Odes. The Odes are not arranged in their usual order, the copyist having apparently started with the intention of an arrangement according to metres, for he begins with nineteen Sapphic Odes. These follow the common order, though the distinction of Books is not marked. They are succeeded by some of the Epodes, then by the Carm. Saec., then by the remaining Odes and Epodes, also in their usual order. The Ars Poet. 1-440 follows the Epodes, then Sat. I. 1, 2 and part of 3. The omissions in the Odes and Epodes are as follows:—of whole Odes in Book I, Odes 3-7, 9, 11, 33 and 34; in Book III, Ode 3; and of Book IV, Odes 3 and 15, besides parts of twenty-one more Odes and Epodes, viz. Odes I. 10. 14, I. 15. 20-32, I. 16. 15-28, I. 17. 15, 16, I. 19. 11-13 and 15, I. 29. 7-16, 2. 7. 19-28, 2. 17. 7-9, 3. 2. 2, 5-12, 17-32, 3. 4. 17-28, 39-52, 3. 6. 11-13, 15-48, 3. 16. 7-27, 29-44, 3. 22. 5-8, 3. 23. 12-20, 3. 24. 30-64, 4. 14. 5-52; Epodes 2. 37-70, 3. 9-22, 9. 13-38, 11. 13-28.

¹ An interesting account of the history of this and of several other of the older MSS. of Horace is given by Ritter in the Prolegomena to his edition. This MS. was originally in the Abbey of St. Benoît-sur-Loire, at Fleury near Orleans. When the abbey was sacked by the Protestants in the Civil War in 1562, the MSS., in which it was rich, were saved, and found a home in the library of Pierre Daniel, an 'avocat' and literary man of Orleans, and 'bailli' of the abbey. At his death his books were divided between two friends and fellow-townsmen, Paul Petau and Jacques Bongars. The latter of the two died at Paris in 1612, and left his library, including his share of the Fleury MSS., to René de Graviset, a jeweller of Strasburg. De Graviset migrated subsequently to Switzerland, and his son became a leading citizen of Bern, founded a public library there, and placed in it his books, amongst them this MS.

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Between the end of the ninth and the end of the tenth century.

§ 4. [These are usually classed together as belonging to the tenth century, but Keller in his later editions inclines to placing some at the end of the ninth.]

A. Paris, 7900^a.

a. Formerly at Avignon, now in the Ambrosian Library at Milan (136).

R. Sueco-Vaticanus 1703 ; among the MSS. given to the Vatican by Queen Christina of Sweden.

λ. Paris, 7972.

l. Leyden, F. 28 ; a MS. of which Bentley made much use.

δ In the Harleian collection in the British Museum, 2725.

d. " " " " 2688.

φ. Paris, 7974.

ψ. " 7971 ; like B, a relic of the Fleury Library.

π. " 10310.

υ. " 7973.

ν. At Dessau (A).

D. A fragmentary MS. which was in the Library at Strasburg and perished in the siege of 1870.

τ. At Zürich (C 154).

L. At Leipsic (I. 4. 38).

ε. At Einsiedeln (361).

[The references in my *apparatus criticus* to these MSS. are taken from the collations of Keller and Holder¹ and their colleagues.]

β. A Berne MS. (21).

σ. At St. Gall (864).

These were collated for Orelli's editions.

R^s. In the Library of Queen's College, Oxford. This was collated for the present edition by Mr. A. O. Prickard. It is one of the MSS. to which Bentley attached high value.

¹ The editions of Keller and Holder made use of are (1) the larger edition in three parts—the Odes and Epodes, 1864, the Satires and Epistles, 1869, the Epilegomena, 1876. (2) The smaller edition, 1878. (3) Vol. I. of a new edition, 1899.

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Later MSS.

§ 5. Of these Keller and Holder assign high value to

γ. Paris, 7975.

M. In the Convent Library at Mölk } Both of the eleventh century.
near Vienna.

C and E, two parts (which they distinguish, C as of the eleventh, E of the twelfth century) of a MS. (14685) at Munich.

g. A Gotha MS. (B. 61) of the fifteenth century, of which the special value is that it seems in part to owe its readings to V.

The 'classes' of Keller and Holder.

§ 6. It is obvious that great additional weight could be obtained for the testimony of MSS. even as late as those in which Horace's poems have come down to us if they could be grouped in families or 'recensions,' each such family by its common readings bearing witness to some archetype of greater antiquity than any copies which we now possess.

This has been attempted on an elaborate scale by Keller and Holder. A and α, λ and l, φ and ψ, D and τ, B and C, have been supposed to be severally related in this way, and the readings of their imagined archetypes are indicated by Holder by the signs A', λ', F, D', B'. We are supposed to have thus—to the extent that uniform readings can be obtained—a certain number of conjecturally restored MSS. much older than any that are still extant. These and the other solitary representatives of older MSS. are again grouped into three *classes*.

The *first* of these is distinguished as containing, with many faults of carelessness, and with a certain number of grammatical corrections (e.g. 'videri,' against the metre in Epod. 16. 14), little or no proof of alteration on rhetorical or general grounds. In this class are placed for different parts of Horace's poems A, α, R, D, τ, M, γ, E, C.

The *second* class is supposed to show the corrections of an early and intelligent emender. That such διορθωταί existed in early times is stated by the Pseudo-Acron on Ars Poet. 345. And the name of one is found in the inscription which appears, in slightly different

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terms, at the end of the Epodes in A, λ , ι , R^s, g . 'Vettius Agorius Basilius Mavortius v. c. et inl. (vir clarissimus et inlustris) excom. dom. excons. ord. (excomite domestico, exconsule ordinario) legi et ut potui emendavi, conferente mihi magistro Felice oratore urbis Romae.' Felix is not known, but Mavortius was consul in the year A. D. 527. Asterius, consul 494, is similarly connected with the history of the text of Virgil. Bentley had treated this Mavortian recension as the ultimate point to which the oldest MSS. might be expected to take us back. Keller and Holder treat it rather as the first, though not the worst, source of systematic corruption. The most important fact with respect to this class is that Keller places in it B, V with g , and in respect of many of the readings A.

The *third* class is held to have been subjected to earlier and less intelligent corruption than the second. As a whole, therefore, it exhibits a worse text, more blunders and fatuities. On the other hand it is tenacious of the true text where the intelligent interpolators of class 2 have obscured it. In it are placed generally F (= $\phi \psi$), λ' (= $\lambda \iota$), μ , π , σ , and others.

The canon on which Keller and Holder rely in using this classification is that the common reading of two classes is to be preferred to that of the third. It is essential therefore to the value of the system that the existence of the three classes should be clearly made out: otherwise it is merely the testimony of some of the older MSS. against others. It is here that criticism has been most damaging to them¹. It is pointed out that the natural basis for the theory of a triple recension is wanting, inasmuch as the existence of three distinctive variants in doubtful passages is not only not frequent, it is confessedly extremely rare². The classes are recognized not by distinctive readings but by the general type of their aberrations from the supposed original text. But here

¹ I would refer for a vigorous criticism of the principles of Keller and Holder's classification to an article by Dr. James Gow in the *Classical Review*, vol. iv. p. 337.

² See Dr. Gow's article, p. 339. He can find in Keller's 'apparatus criticus' only seven cases of three substantial variants, one ascribed to each class, viz.: Od. 1. 12. 3 retinet, recinet, recinit; 1. 12. 15 et, ac, aut; 2. 11. 24 comas, comae, comam; 2. 13. 23 descriptas, discriptas, discretas; 3. 24. 4 publicum, Ponticum, Apulicum; 3. 27. 55 defluet, defluit, defluat. Sat. 1. 2. 12 Fufidius, Futidius, Fusidius.

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again we lack a solid ground on which to rest the division. For few MSS. exhibit such a type consistently. They pass from one class to another in successive pages. The grouping in pairs, which again should be a step towards the grouping in classes, is so far from being so that the two modes of relating MSS. are at times at variance. A and α , for instance, which are supposed to be derived in large part from a single archetype, are ranked often for pages together in different classes. One fatal result of this process is that the evidence for the separate existence of class I, on which Keller lays so much stress, tends to disappear. The only persistent members of it are M and γ , both of them MSS. of the eleventh century.

It is interesting, however, to observe that whatever weight we assign to Keller's classification of the MSS. it has no revolutionary effect upon his text. The great feature in it, after all, is *the lower value attached to such MSS. as B and V*. This, of course, goes far in some places to decide the reading. But if we compare his text with that of the most competent and the most conservative critics who immediately preceded him we shall find the difference comparatively small. We shall see that he admits conjectures at least as largely as others, more than many, and that his conclusions, however they were formed, are supported generally by evidence from the Scholia, or by quotations, or by considerations of style, metre, and the like¹.

§ 7. Before we leave the MSS. it may be the place to say a few

¹ Deducting questions of orthography, punctuation, &c., there are thirty-seven places in the Odes and Epodes where Keller's text (vol. i. of the larger edition) differs from that of both Ritter and Munro. Of these nine are due to his introduction into the text of conjectures (Od. 1. 7. 8 'honore,' 1. 15. 36 'Pergameas,' 1. 16. 5 'adyti,' 1. 23. 5, 6 'vepris . . . ad ventum,' 3. 5. 15 'trahenti,' 4. 4. 17 'Raetis,' 4. 10. 5 'Ligurine,' Epod. 2. 27 'frondes,' 5. 88 'humana invicem'). Eleven are cases where readings resting on very slight MS. authority, or even upon none, have been received on other grounds, such as the authority of the Scholia, &c. (Keller, Od. 1. 3. 37 'arduum,' 1. 16. 8 'si,' 1. 20. 10 'tum,' 1. 22. 2 'Mauri,' 1. 22. 11 'expeditus,' 2. 3. 11 'quo et,' 2. 6. 19 'fertilis,' 3. 3. 55 'debacchantur'; Ritter and Munro, 1. 17. 14 'hic,' 2. 13. 23 'discretas,' 3. 4. 10 'altricis'). There are very few of the remainder where the effect of his view of the MSS. can be distinctly detected in the absence of other arguments from the Scholia, or from internal evidence; such are perhaps 1. 8. 2 'hoc,' 3. 21. 10 'negleget,' 4. 9. 31 'sileri,' Epod. 16. 33 'flavos,' 17. 60 'proderit.' In the later editions several of these variations are retracted and the text is so much the more like that of previous editors.

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words upon two subjects which present themselves very early to the reader of any notes upon Horace.

Conjectural Emendation.

The first has been glanced at already. I do not know that conjectural emendation has really been exceptionally busy upon Horace's text. That the two are specially associated in the minds of general readers is due doubtless, in a great measure, to their greater familiarity with the author, to the brilliancy of the conjectures themselves, the contributions of a long series of the greatest scholars from the Renaissance onwards, particularly perhaps to the unrivalled power, learning, and eloquence with which our greatest English scholar recommended the method and its results in his edition of the poet. There was something, however, in the nature of the critical evidence on which Horace's text rests which made conjectural emendation, if not specially necessary, at least specially tempting. Necessary of course it was not, in the sense in which it is necessary in the text of Aeschylus or of Lucretius, to restore sense or metre in a chaos; but in a way the multiplicity of MSS. tempts us to do for one author what the poverty of MSS. almost compels us to do for another. A variety of readings, all consistent with metre and intelligible, and all resting on fairly equal MS. testimony, must imply the hand of one or more emenders of the text at an early period. It is a natural interpretation to assume in such a case that all alike are attempts, more or less skilful, to fill up a gap in the original authority; and this once believed, a scholar of the sixteenth or seventeenth centuries may not unreasonably think himself as competent to guess the riddle as a scholar of the fourth or fifth. It is manifest that no impassable barrier separates cases where the MSS. are divided from those where they are consentient. Division is only a sign of the disease. We have already seen that it is confessedly possible for the same blunder to infest every MS. A modern editor will probably set aside, as a rule, purely conjectural emendations; at any rate, he will hesitate to give them the reality which is implied by printing them in the text; not because he denies the possibility of corruptions, or does not feel the plausibility of many conjectures, but only because experience has taught us that there is no necessary limit even to

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the cleverest and most plausible guessing, and because it cannot be proved that in such a text as that of Horace guessing on a large scale is necessary. One more remark may be allowed. An editor with the feelings which I have described will yet feel bound to recall, and to some extent to discuss, the more famous conjectures which have become part of the literary history of his author, and in doing so he will run the risk, at times, of seeming to treat great names ungraciously. It must be remembered therefore that to have learnt to distrust a method is not to deny the genius of those who used it, and who, by showing us its results at its best, have taught us the limits of its capability. The solid value of Bentley's edition is diminished very little by the fact that very many of his conclusions are such as we cannot now accept with any confidence or even accept at all. There is hardly a question in Horatian exegesis that is not raised by him, and raised, if at times in a form rather more logical than befits the criticism of a poet, yet always with a precision and strength, as well as with a fullness of knowledge, which at least (and it is an editor's chief function) makes us understand and measure the difficulty.

Theories of Interpolation.

To the constructive criticism of previous centuries was added in the present one the destructive criticism of which the chief examples are to be found in the edition of H. Peerlkamp (Harlem, 1854; Amsterdam, 1862) and in the work of Gruppe, *Minos: über die Interpolationen in den römischen Dichtern*, Leipzig, 1859. This, like the former, proposes to carry us back beyond the age of MSS. or Scholia: unlike the former, it cannot even appeal to indications of disturbance in the MSS. which would explain, if they did not require, its theories. The antecedent probability of defects in the archetype wrongly filled up cannot be denied in the face of evidence that such defects must actually have existed: it becomes a question of less or more. But the antecedent probability of the suppositions which are necessary to any theory of the interpolation of spurious Odes or parts of Odes cannot be so easily granted. Every known fact in the history of Horace's poems can be explained without such a theory, unless indeed it be assumed that no poem or stanza which falls below his highest poetical level can be

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genuine. On the other hand, as Munro pointed out¹, in his vigorous summary of the arguments against the interpolation theory, the *form* of Horace's poems is specially his own. We are asked to imagine that unknown poets, in the literary age of Rome, reproduced it with a skill and completeness of which the known poets who have tried to imitate it proved themselves incapable. But though Peerlkamp's method of criticism must be pronounced baseless, we may trace from it, as from its predecessor, indirect results of value in the attention which it calls to the sequence of thought, the lights and shades of style, and the varying merit of the poetry.

II. THE SCHOLIASTS.

§ 8. The collections of Scholia on Horace which pass under the names of Helenius Acron, and Pomponius Porphyrio, can neither of them be certainly dated, and some doubt therefore hangs over their relation to one another; neither of them is in a perfect state nor free from suspicion of interpolations. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, they must be considered of very high value. On questions of text the authority of the commentary is at the least several centuries older than any MS. of the poet, either extant or known to us by testimony. Of course the 'lemmata,' or quoted words to which the comment is affixed, are of inferior importance, and they differ not unfrequently from the text interpreted in the commentary, and can only by themselves carry us back to the date of the oldest MSS. of the Scholia, viz. at the earliest to centuries 9-10. On questions of interpretation, and especially of allusions to customs, sites, and persons, the Scholia have value, independently of any doubt as to their writer's precise date or personal acquaintance with Roman life, from the fact that they bear evidence of having been composed by men who had in their hands early authorities which are otherwise lost to us. These are sometimes referred to by name, as Terentius Scaurus (a grammarian of Hadrian's time who wrote a commentary on the *Ars Poetica*) on Sat. 2. 5. 92; Claranus (Martial, 10. 21. 2, Seneca, Ep. 66) on Sat. 2. 3. 83; more often generally as 'nonnulli,' 'alii,' 'plerique,' 'commentator' (Acr. on A. P. 120), 'qui de personis Horatianis scripserunt' (Porph. on Sat. 1. 3. 21 and 91, 2. 5. 92).

¹ Preface to Messrs. Munro and King's edition.

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O. Keller¹, who has collected and used with much ingenuity all the available evidence on the subject, gives the palm of antiquity to the Scholia of Porphyryon. The only limit set to their date by external testimony is to be found in the mention of Porphyryon's name by Charisius, a grammatical writer, usually placed about A.D. 400; but Keller thinks they are as early as A.D. 200-250. The evidence on which he relies consists wholly of indications in the Scholia themselves, such as (*a*) the writer's personal knowledge of Rome coupled with the fact that he never alludes to the walls of Aurelian (A.D. 271), while he recognizes the older gates, as e.g. the Porta Esquilina on Epod. 5. 100, Sat. 1. 8. 1; (*b*) his use of Parthi, Parthicus, &c. as designations of the great eastern monarchy, in several places where the Pseudo-Acron uses Persae, Persicus, a natural variation if the fall of Parthia and the rise of the Persian dynasty of the Sassanidae (A.D. 226) had taken place between the two dates; (*c*) his way of speaking of the religious ceremonies of heathen Rome as though they were still observed in his own time. Contrast, e.g., his note on Od. 3. 11. 6 'fidicines hodieque Romae sacrificiis adhiberi videmus' with Acron's 'et in sacrificiis fidicines adhiberi consueverant,' or that on Od. 2. 16. 14 'salinum, patella in qua primitiae dis cum sale dantur' with Acron's 'patella in qua dis primitiae offerebantur,' or lastly, that on 3. 5. 11 'Aeternam Vestam, propter aeternos ignis qui in ara eius coluntur' with Acron's 'aeterni ignis qui in ara eius indefesse colebatur.'

The genuine Acron wrote earlier than Porphyryon, if the latter's quotation of him on Sat. 1. 8. 25 is not an interpolation, 'memini me legere apud Helenium Acronem Saganam fuisse libertum Pomponii senatoris qui a triumviris est proscriptus.' It is to be remarked, however, that the statement thus quoted does not occur in the Scholia which go under Acron's name. On the other hand, we find in them the change of tense already noticed with respect to sacrifices, &c., which would point to their being later than the prohibition of heathen ceremonies by Theodosius in A.D. 391; we find (unless these be interpolations) the names of the Goths (on Od. 4. 15. 22), and according to one MS. of the Huns (on Od. 2. 11. 1), and a hint perhaps of the desolation of Italy by the barbarians (on Od. 3. 4. 16); and we find, subject to the same proviso,

¹ Symbola philologorum Bonnensium, Lips., Teubn. 1867.

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references to Priscian (fifth century) on Epp. 2. 1. 228, and to Priscian's teacher Theoctistus on Sat. 1. 5. 97. It is mainly on those grounds that Keller distinguishes the Acron who was one of the commentators used by Porphyryon from the composer or composers of the Scholia which now bear the name, and which were composed by some one who had Porphyryon's commentary in his hands and used it largely. These Pseudo-Acronian Scholia he relegates to the fifth century. Upon grounds on which it is less easy to feel secure in following him, he divides them into two parts; the first (up to the beginning of the Fourth Book of the Odes with part of those in the Fourth Book and most of the Epodes) belonging to the earlier half of the century; the remainder he places in the second half, and identifies as their author Fabius Planciades Fulgentius, a grammarian of that date, one of whose works, three books of mythology, is found with no mark of a new author on the same MS. with the Schol. Acron.

The so-called 'Commentator Cruquianus' is not an independent authority, the name being given to a medley of notes, in the main a transcript or paraphrase of Acron and Porphyryon, printed by Cruquius from marginal or interlinear annotations on his Blandinian MSS.

III. EDITIONS.

§ 9. It may be convenient for purposes of reference to add a chronological list of the chief editions of Horace earlier than the present century (chiefly from Mitscherlich).

Fifteenth century.

The 'editio princeps' is not certainly known: the title is usually given to an edition without name or date, which is supposed to have been published by Zarotus at Milan in 1470. The first edition, which contains a commentary by a modern scholar of name, is that of *Landinus* (Cristoforo Landino, born at Florence 1424, died 1504), printed at Florence in 1482, and at Venice in the same year. An edition, published at Venice in 1492, contained, besides, notes by *Mancinellus* (Antonio Mancinelli, born at Velletri in 1452, a teacher of Orvieto).

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Sixteenth century.

- 1501 (also 1503, 1509, 1519, 1527), the *Aldine* edition, from the press of Aldus at Venice.
- 1503 (also 1514, 1519), the *Juntine*, from that of Ph. Giunta at Florence.
- 1519, the *Ascensian* (Paris), from that of Badius (named Ascensius from his birthplace, the village of Assche, near Brussels).
- 1523 (Freiburg im Breisgau), ed. of *Glareanus* (Henri Loriti, so named from his birthplace, the canton Glaris, born 1488, Professor at Basle 1515-1529, retired to Freiburg, where he died in 1563).
- 1551 (Venice), an edition of the younger Aldus, which contained annotations by M. Ant. *Muretus* (born at Muret, a village near Limoges, in France, 1526, died at Rome 1585).
- 1555 (Basle), ed. of *Fabricius* (George, born at Chemnitz in 1526, died 1571).
- 1561 (Lyons), ed. of *Lambinus* (Denis Lambin, born at Montreuil, in Picardy, 1516, Professor of Greek in Paris, died, it is said, partly from the shock of the Massacre of St. Bartholomew, in September 1572).
- Canter* (born at Utrecht 1542, died 1575), published in 1564, and in subsequent years, some 'Novae Lectiones' on various authors, including Horace (which are to be found in Gruter's *Thesaurus Criticus*, vol. iii).
- 1578 (Antwerp), ed. of *Cruquius*, Professor at Bruges. This had been preceded by partial editions in 1565, 1567, and 1573.

Seventeenth century.

- 1605, ed. of Dan. *Heinsius*, born at Ghent 1580, died at Leyden in 1665.
- 1608 (Antwerp), ed. of *Torrentius* (a Latinized form of the name Vanderbeken). He was Bishop of Antwerp, born 1525, died 1595; his edition being published posthumously.
- 1613 (Paris), R. Etienne (Stephanus) published an edition with the notes of *Rutgers* (a pupil of Heinsius, born at Dort 1589,

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entered the service of Gustavus Adolphus, and served as ambassador in several foreign courts, died 1625). His *Venusinae Lectiones* were not published in their entirety until Burmann's edition in 1699.

- 1671 (Saumur), ed. of *Tanaquil Faber* (Tanneguy Lefevre, born at Caen 1615, Professor at Saumur, died 1672).
1681 (Paris), a translation, with notes, by *A. Dacier*, son-in-law of the preceding.
1699 (Utrecht), ed. of *Burmannus* (P. Burmann, born at Utrecht 1668).

Eighteenth century.

- 1701 (London), ed. of *W. Baxter*, nephew of the nonconformist divine.
1711 (Camb.), ed. of *R. Bentley*.
1721 (London), ed. of *Cunningham*.
1728 (Paris), ed. of *Sanadon*, a Jesuit father.
1752 (Leipsic), ed. of *Gesner*.
1778 (Leipsic), ed. of *Jani*.
1794 (London), ed. of *Wakefield*.
1800 (Leipsic), ed. of *Mitscherlich*.

Of editions of this century those of which most frequent mention is made in my notes are those of

- Orelli, Zürich, 1837, 1852, and the new edition considerably altered by Hirschfelder and Mewes.
Dillenburger, Bonn, 1844, 1867.
Duentzer, Brunswick, 1849.
Maclean, Bibliotheca Classica, London, 1853.
Ritter, Leipsic, 1856.
Keller and Holder, Leipsic, 1864-1899.
Yonge, London, 1867.
Munro and King, London, 1869.
Nauck (7th edⁿ.), Leipsic, 1871.
Schütz (2nd edⁿ.), Berlin, 1880.
Kiessling, Berlin, 1884.

In Macmillan's series the Odes by Mr. T. E. Page, the Satires by Prof. A. Palmer, the Epistles by Prof. Wilkins.

The editions of the Scholia of which I have made use are those

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of Hauthal (Berlin, 1864) and Pauly (Prague, 1858), and more recently the edition of Porphyrius's Scholia by Holder.

I have referred also frequently to Estré's *Prosopographie Horatiana* (Amsterdam, 1846), Franke's *Fasti Horatiani* (Berlin, 1839), Horaz-Studien, Plüss, Teubner, 1882, and Studies in the Odes of Horace, A. W. Verrall (Macmillan, 1884).

The English translators of Horace, especially Conington, have often suggested a happy rendering or a new view.

§ 10. HORACE'S EARLY LIFE IN HIS WRITINGS.

Name—Quintus, Sat. 2. 6. 37.

„ Horatius, Od. 4. 6. 44, Epp. 1. 14. 5.

„ Flaccus, Sat. 2. 1. 18, Epod. 15. 12.

[Of the origin of the 'cognomen' nothing can be guessed. The 'nomen' might imply that his father, on manumission, had taken a gentile name from some member of the Horatia gens. It is now more generally believed, on a suggestion of G. F. Grotefend, that it was derived from the Horatia tribus, the one of the country tribes in which the colony of Venusia was enrolled, and to which Horace's father, as a *libertus* of Venusia, would belong.]

B.C. 65. *Date of Birth*.—The year is given in Od. 3. 21. 1, Epod. 13. 6, Epp. 1. 20. 26–28. The last reference adds the month. Suetonius completes it by fixing the day, 'Sexto idus Decembris,' December the 8th.

Birthplace.—Sat. 2. 1. 35. Cp. Od. 3. 30. 10, 4. 6. 27, 4. 9. 2. We may compare the familiarity of his mention of scenes in Apulia, Od. 3. 4. 9–16, Sat. 1. 5. 77; the river Aufidus, Od. 4. 14. 25, cp. Sat. 1. 1. 58; the Fons Bandusiae (?), Od. 3. 13; Mons Vultur, Od. 3. 4. 9; Garganum Pr., Od. 2. 9. 7, Epp. 2. 1. 202; Litus Matinum, Od. 1. 28. 3, cp. 4. 2. 27, Epod. 16. 28; Luceria, Od. 3. 15. 7; the wolves on the Apulian hills, 1. 22. 13, 33. 7. See also on the fondness with which he attributes to the Apulian all Roman virtues, Od. 1. 22. 13, 2. 1. 34, 3. 5. 9, 16. 26, Epod. 2. 42¹.

¹ An interesting account of a visit to Horace's country Venusia, Vultur, &c., will be found in an article by the Rev. H. F. Tozer in the *Classical Review*, vol. ii, p. 13 f.

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Parentage.—‘Libertino patre natus,’ Sat. 1. 6. 6 and 45; cp. Od. 2. 20. 6 and Epp. 1. 20. 21. Horace himself was ‘ingenuus,’ i.e. born after his father had attained his freedom, Sat. 1. 6. 8.

His father’s profession.—‘Coactor,’ Sat. 1. 6. 86. [Suetonius says, ‘coactor exactionum,’ ‘a collector of taxes.’ He says, further, that he was a ‘salsamentarius,’ or dealer in salt-fish, and that Horace was once taunted with this by one who said to him, ‘Quotiens ego vidi patrem tuum bracchio se emungentem.’] He had purchased a small estate, Sat. 1. 6. 71. For Horace’s feeling towards his father see Sat. 1. 6, especially vv. 89–96.

Anecdotes of his childhood.—Od. 3. 4. 9 foll., Sat. 1. 9. 29 foll., 2. 2. 112 foll.

Removal to Rome for his education.—Sat. 1. 6. 71 foll., Epp. 2. 2. 42. His father’s care, Sat. 1. 4. 105 foll., 1. 6. 71 foll. Study under Orbilius, ‘plagosus,’ Epp. 2. 1. 69. [There is a short life of Orbilius Pupillus of Beneventum in Sueton. de Illust. Gramm. Horace’s epithet is quoted, and illustrated by a line of Domitius Marsus, ‘Si quos Orbilius ferula scuticaque cecidit.’] For the subjects of his reading see l.c. and Epp. 2. 2. 41.

B. C. 44 (?). *Studies at Athens.*—Epp. 2. 2. 43 foll. [Brutus was at Athens at the time, immediately after Caesar’s murder, attending the lectures of Theomnestus the Academic, and Cratippus the Peripatetic, and wishing to be thought entirely intent on philosophy, Plutarch. Brut. 24.]

B. C. 43, 42. *Campaign with Brutus.*—Epp. 2. 2. 46 foll., Sat. 1. 6. 48, Od. 2. 7. 5–14, 3. 4. 26, Epp. 1. 20. 23. [Sueton. ‘bello Philippensi excitus a Marco Bruto imperatore tribunus militum meruit.’] For indications that he was with Brutus while he was still in Asia see Sat. 1. 7 Intro., Epp. 1. 11. 7 foll., and on Od. 2. 7. 6.

B. C. 41. *Return to Rome.*—‘Decisis humilem pennis, inopemque paterni Et Laris et fundi,’ Epp. 2. 2. 49. [Sueton. ‘Victis partibus, venia impetrata, scriptum quaestorium comparavit.’ This means the place of a ‘scriba,’ or clerk, in the quaestor’s office, and Horace’s appointment to it is connected by some with his father’s old employment as ‘coactor exactionum.’]

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B.C. 38 (?). *Introduction to Maecenas*.—Sat. 1. 6. 54 foll. The date of this is fixed by a comparison of Sat. 2. 6. 40 ‘Septimus octavo propior iam fugerit annus, Ex quo Maecenas me coepit habere suorum In numero,’ with the references in vv. 38, 53, 55, which seem to fix the composition of that Satire to the end of B.C. 31. See in vol. ii Introduction of the Satires, § 3.

§ 11. EXTRACTS FROM THE SUETONIAN LIFE OF HORACE.

Maecenas' regard for him.

MAECENAS quantopere eum dilexerit satis monstratur illo epigrammate :

‘Ni te visceribus meis, Horati,
Plus iam diligo, tu tuum sodalem
Ninnio videas strigosiorē;’

and much more in extremis iudiciis tali ad Augustum elogio : ‘Horati flacci, ut mei, esto memor.’

Augustus' offer to him of the post of Private Secretary.

Augustus epistolarum quoque ei officium obtulit, ut hoc ad Maecenatem scripto significat : ‘Ante ipse sufficebam scribendis epistolis amicorum : nunc occupatissimus et infirmus Horatium nostrum a te cupio abducere. Veniet igitur ab ista parasitica mensa ad hanc regiam, et nos in epistolis scribendis adiuvabit.’ Ac ne recusanti quidem aut succensuit quicquam aut amicitiam tuam ingerere desiit.

Extracts from letters of Augustus to him.

‘Sume tibi aliquid iuris apud me tamquam si convictor mihi pareris : recte enim et non temere feceris, quoniam id usus mihi tecum esse volui si per valetudinem tuam fieri possit.’

‘Tui qualem habeam memoriam poteris ex Septimio quoque nostro audire : nam incidit ut illo coram fieret a me tui mentio : neque si tu superbus amicitiam nostram sprevisi ideo nos quoque *υποπεφρονούμεν.*’

‘Pertulit ad me Dionysius libellum tuum, quem ego, ut ne excusem brevitatem, quantuluscunque est, boni consulo. Vereri autem mihi videris ne maiores libelli tui sint quam ipse es. Sed si

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statura deest, corpusculum non deest. Itaque licebit in sextariolo scribas, ut circuitus voluminis tui sit *ὀγκωδέστατος* sicut est ventriculi tui.' [Cp. Hor. Epp. 1. 4. 14, 1. 20. 24.]

The Composition of the Carm. Saec., Book IV of the Odes, and Book II of the Epp.

Scripta eius usque adeo probavit [Augustus] mansuraque perpetuo opinatus est ut non modo Saeculare carmen componendum iniunxerit, sed et Vindelicam victoriam Tiberii Drusique privignorum suorum, eumque coegerit propter hoc tribus carminum libris ex longo intervallo quartum addere; post sermones vero lectos quosdam nullam sui mentionem habitam ita sit questus: 'Irasci me tibi scito quod non in plerisque eiusmodi scriptis mecum potissimum loquaris. An vereris ne apud posteros infame tibi sit quod videaris familiaris nobis esse?' Expressitque eclogam illam cuius initium est 'Cum tot sustineas et tanta negotia solus,' &c.

Of Horace's country houses.

Vixit plurimum in secessu ruris sui Sabini aut Tiburtini; domusque eius ostenditur circa Tiburni luculum.

[The first clause might be interpreted as merely giving two alternative designations of the Sabine Farm, but the second distinctly recognizes the belief that he had besides a villa at Tibur itself, as the 'Tiburni luculus' can hardly be other than the 'Tiburni lucus' of Od. 1. 7. 13; cp. Stat. Silv. 1. 3. 74. The form, however, of the statement, 'the house is still shown,' is quite compatible with the idea that it is an addition to the original text interpolated after the tradition of a second Tiburtine villa had grown up. The passages in which he speaks of Tibur (e.g. Od. 2. 6. 5, 4. 2. 31, Epp. 1. 8. 12) are quite enough to account for such a tradition, and are inadequate to substantiate it.]

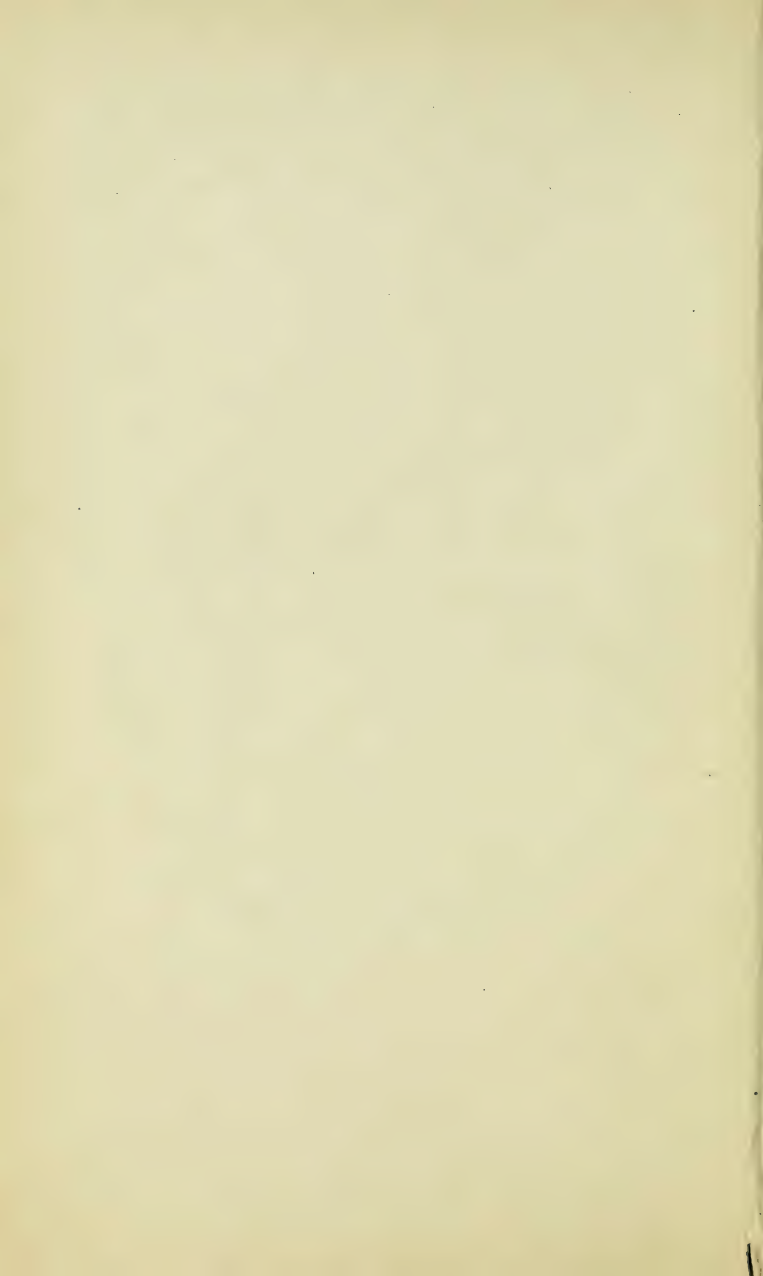
Of spurious Writings attributed to him.

Venerunt in manus meas et elegi sub eius titulo, et epistola prosa oratione, quasi commendantis se Maecenati: sed utraque falsa puto: nam elegi vulgares, epistola etiam obscura, quo vitio minime tenebatur.

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His Death.

Decessit quinto Kal. Decembris C. Marcio Censorino et C. Asinio Gallo coss. post nonum et quinquagesimum annum [this is a mistake, as Suetonius himself puts his birth in the consulship of L. Aurelius Cotta and L. Manlius Torquatus, i. e. in B.C. 65, which would make him just short of fifty-seven on Nov. 27 B.C. 8] herede Augusto palam nuncupato, cum urgente vi valetudinis non sufficeret ad obsignandas testamenti tabulas. Humatus et conditus est extremis Esquiliis iuxta Maecenatis tumulum.



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I.—THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE ODES.

§ 1. THE *general period* during which the greater number of the Odes of Books i-iii must have been composed can be fixed with some certainty. The *earlier limit* is fixed by the Battle of Actium. Epod. 9 was written immediately after the victory, while even the direction of Antony's flight was still unknown. Od. I. 37 is written on Cleopatra's death in the following autumn, B. C. 30.

It is of course possible that some of the Odes may have been composed before the Epodes were finished, but there is none that bears any clear mark of it. In the absence of such proof the presumption is against it: for Horace's usual practice seems to be to finish one collection of poems before he begins another. There is development of style within one collection in the direction of the next, but no appearance of overlapping. That the Epodes themselves were softening into something hardly distinguishable from the Odes, and that some of the Odes retain metres, or even the tone, of the Epodes, makes it more difficult to understand why, if particular Odes were written before 31, they were not included in the volume of Epodes.

§ 2. The *second limit*, the latest date at which the Three Books as a whole can have been published, is fixed mainly by the reference in Od. I. 12. 45-48. Marcellus died in the autumn of B. C. 23. It is inconceivable that these lines should be (as Ritter suggests) a complimentary allusion to one already dead; an assurance to Augustus that at least the fame of his son-in-law survived; all that the author of the dirge on Quintilius could offer to match Virgil's 'Tu Marcellus eris.' And it is almost equally impossible that, written before his early death, they should have been published (as from other considerations it would be necessary to conclude)

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within a year or two of that great disappointment of the hopes of Rome and of the Emperor.

An argument, second only in weight to this, is founded upon the Odes (2. 10 and 3. 19) which have reference to Licinius Murena, the brother of Terentia, Maecenas' wife (see also on Od. 2. 2. 5). Murena was executed for participation with Fannius Caepio in a conspiracy against Augustus in B.C. 22. The presumption seems very strong that even if Horace's feelings would have allowed him to publish these poems, and especially Od. 2. 10, after his friend's catastrophe, he would have been deterred by the knowledge that the reminiscences must be displeasing to Maecenas as well as to Augustus. Franke recalls the story of Virgil's striking out the praises of Gallus from the end of Georg. iv on somewhat similar grounds.

The arguments for postponing the publication of the Odes to a later date are not such as can really be set against these considerations. They turn mainly on Od. 1. 3, which is taken to refer to the voyage of Virgil to Athens in the last year of his life, B.C. 19; and on the supposed allusions (the strongest case is Od. 2. 9) to the expedition of Tiberius into Armenia, and the restoration of the standards by the Parthians in B.C. 20. Some remarks on these points will be found in the Introductions to Od. 1. 3 and 2. 9. There remains the possibility that these (and if these, then other) Odes may have been inserted after the first publication. It will be seen that this is not likely to have been the case with 1. 3; and the theory of any such insertions is perhaps hardly compatible with that pause in lyric composition between the publication of Books i-iii and the commencement of Book iv, which is implied in Suetonius' statement, and in Horace's own words, Od. 4. 1. 1, Epp. 1. 1. 1-10.

§ 3. When we pass from the general epoch to the *date of special Odes* we are on less safe ground. A very few can be fixed with exactness. Such are 1. 31, which is written for the dedication of the temple of Apollo Palatinus in B.C. 28; 2. 4, which Horace dates himself in B.C. 25, by reference to his own age; 1. 24 and 3. 14, both of which are fixed to B.C. 24, the one by the known date of the death of Quintilius, the other by the return of Augustus from Spain. We may perhaps add a few, though in their case of course

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more latitude must be given, which speak in terms of near anticipation of political events which can themselves be dated. Such are 1. 35, which represents Augustus as on the point of starting for Britain, a purpose for which we know that he set out from Rome in B.C. 27 (see *Introd. to that Ode*, *Dion* 53. 22, 25); and 1. 29, which seems to refer to preparations more or less immediately preceding Aelius Gallus' expedition into Arabia Felix in B.C. 24.

§ 4. Those who would go much beyond this in fixing with accuracy the date of single Odes have to lean a good deal on Horace's references to events on the frontier and beyond it, movements of the Cantabrian, the Scythian, the Parthian. In estimating the value of these it is of course necessary to be sure of the nature of the allusion. We are in danger of confusing poetry with history when we look too closely into every mention of Dacian or Indian and search the pages of *Dion* or *Strabo* for some detail that will exactly suit it. Horace's verses are full of the feeling of the greatness of the Roman empire, the remoteness of its frontiers, the immense charge which Caesar has taken on himself. And the names of distant and unknown places and tribes had a spell in ancient times which they have lost in days of maps and geography. Even when we come to more definite references, as those to the quarrels of Phraates and Tiridates, or to the frequent risings of the Cantabri, though we have here ample ground for dating generally the period during the course of which the poems must have been composed, and exactly, if we know the date of a special event referred to, the year before which the particular poem could not have been composed, we yet soon get to the point where the event has become a standing illustration of the vicissitudes of fortune or a statesman's anxieties, a poetical commonplace which may recur till it is supplanted by some fresh circumstance which strikes the poet's imagination.

To this it must be added that the foreign history of the time is imperfectly known to us; and that some uncertainty hangs over the dates of several of those events which are known.

§ 5. It may be convenient and may save some repetitions to give shortly in this place the few facts which are known with respect to the Cantabrians, the Dacians and Scythians, and the Parthians.

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to which, if to any known historical events, allusions in these Books must have reference.

§ 6. The *Cantabri*, a tribe living in the mountains of the northern coast of Spain, are named by Dion (51. 20), with their neighbours the Astures, as in arms against Rome at the time of the general pacification in B.C. 29, and as being conquered in that year by Statilius Taurus. The next mention of them is in B.C. 26 (Dion 53. 25), in which year the news of their rising reached Augustus in Gaul, and diverted him (see above, § 3) from his intended expedition to Britain. He was commanding in person against them in B.C. 25, but fell ill and was detained at Tarraco for some months. In the meantime the war was concluded by C. Antistius and T. Carisius, his 'legati.' Augustus himself returned home in B.C. 24. In the same year they rose again (Dion 53. 28) and seized by stratagem and killed some Roman soldiers, but were again put down by L. Aemilius.

The expressions of Od. 2. 6. 2 'Cantabrum indoctum iuga ferre nostra,' and 2. 11. 1 'Quid bellicosus Cantaber . . . cogitet,' would be intelligible at any time during this period, and as each conquest would be thought final till the next rising, there is nothing even in the words of 3. 8. 21 ('Servit Hispanae vetus hostis orae Cantaber sera domitus catena') to fix them necessarily to a single date. Other considerations perhaps place the Ode, as we shall see, either in B.C. 29 or in 25.

The final subjugation of the Cantabri by Agrippa in B.C. 19 (Dion 54. 11) does not come within the period of Odes i-iii, but is recorded in Epp. 1. 12. 26, and alluded to in Od. 4. 14. 41.

§ 7. *Daci, Getae, Scythae, Geloni*.—There is much vagueness in the use of these names by Horace, as indeed there is confessedly in their use by prose writers of much later date. The name 'Scythae' is the most comprehensive, being used apparently for all the tribes north of the Danube and Euxine. At times it is brought into close relation with that of the Getae (as in Od. 3. 24. 11), who again are closely connected by all writers with the Daci. At other times it is associated with the Geloni and the Tanais ('Scythicus amnis,' Od. 3. 4. 36), and denotes tribes far enough to the East to interfere in Parthian politics. The names

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are often used merely as poetical expressions of distance, the extreme North (as in *Od.* 2. 20), or generally for the northern tribes, as the supposed representatives of the manlier virtues (as in *Od.* 3. 24) or as the objects of the vague fears of Roman statesmen (*Od.* 2. 11. 1).

The Daci are mentioned by *Dion* 51. 22 as offering their services to Octavianus, and when their terms were declined by him joining Antony, to whom, however, they rendered little assistance, as they were quarrelling amongst themselves (see *Od.* 3. 6. 13).

In B.C. 30, M. Crassus, at the bidding of Octavianus, marched northward from Macedonia, and won some victories over the Daci and Bastarnae as well as the Moesi, for which in B.C. 27 he was allowed a triumph, *Dion* 51. 23.

From the *Epitome of Livy* (B. 135) it appears that Crassus was again fighting in Thrace in B.C. 25.

Florus (4. 12, § 18) speaks of *Lentulus* driving the Daci beyond the Danube, but no date is given. His words may be worth quoting for his mention of *Cotiso* (*Od.* 3. 8. 18) and for the illustration of *Horace's* expression '*intra praescriptum equitare*,' *Od.* 2. 9. 23: '*Daci montibus inhaerent; Cotisonis¹ regis imperio quotiens concretus gelu Danuvius iunxerat ripas decurrere solebant et vicina populari. Visum est Caesari Augusto gentem aditu difficillimam submovere. Misso igitur Lentulo ultra ulteriorem repulit ripam: citra praesidia constituit, sic tunc Dacia non victa sed submota atque dilata est. Sarmatae patentibus campis inequitant; et hos per eundem Lentulum prohibere Danuvio satis fuit.*'

It is obvious that there is nothing here to fix the date of the debated *Ode* 3. 8. The victory of Crassus will satisfy the expressions of v. 18, and so would the victory of *Lentulus*, but this last is itself undated.

The Eastern Scythians are named by *Justinus* as interfering in the quarrel between *Phraates* and *Tiridates* in Parthia (see the next section). An embassy of Scythians is said by *Orosius* (see *Introd.* to *Od.* 2. 11) to have come to Augustus while he was at Tarraco in Spain B.C. 25.

¹ *Suetonius*, *Oct.* 63, calls him '*Getarum rex*,' and gives a story, on Antony's authority, of Augustus having at one time promised *Julia* in marriage to him, and asked a daughter of his in return.

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§ 8. *Parthia*.—The defeats of Roman armies under Crassus, Decidius Saxa (the legatus of M. Antony), and M. Antony himself, in B.C. 53, 40, and 36, though the objects of frequent reference in Horace's poems, and grounds of the keen interest taken in Parthian affairs, and of the stress laid on the mission of Augustus to restore Roman prestige in the East, yet all fall without the period assigned for the composition of the Odes. The only contemporaneous event of Parthian history is that which is related by Dion 51. 18, and by Justinus 42. 5. 5. Phraates IV, to whom Orodes I had resigned his throne in B.C. 38, after some years of tyranny, provoked his subjects to the point of rebellion. He was expelled, and Tiridates, another member of the Arsacid house, though his exact relationship to Phraates is unknown, was put on the throne in his place. After a short time Phraates was restored (Justinus adds, by the intervention of the Scythians), and Tiridates fled to seek the protection of Augustus, carrying with him the infant son of Phraates. These events are undoubtedly the objects of reference in Od. 1. 26. 5, 2. 2. 17, 3. 8. 19, and very probably also in 1. 34. 14-16 and 3. 29. 28. If we could date them therefore with certainty we should know the earliest time at which the first-named Odes at least could have been written. And it so happens that this would incidentally throw light on one or two more points of Horatian chronology, for 3. 8 is written on an anniversary (it seems almost necessarily the first anniversary) of Horace's escape from the falling tree. To fix, therefore, the earliest date of this Ode would determine as much for the other Odes which refer to the accident, i.e. 2. 13 and 3. 4. Horace's escape again is connected (2. 17. 21-30) with Maecenas' reception in the theatre on his recovery from illness, and this in its turn gives a date of some kind to 1. 20. The date, however, on which so much depends is not itself quite free from doubt. Justinus says that Tiridates fled to Augustus, 'who was at that time fighting in Spain,' which would fix the date between B.C. 27 and 24. Dion, on the contrary, narrates the event under the year 30, and makes Tiridates find Augustus in Syria, on his progress through Asia after the battle of Actium. Mommsen (*Res gestae divi Augusti*, vi. 1-3) thinks the two accounts should be both accepted, as giving two stages in the negotiations of Tiridates with Augustus, but in that case the reference of Horace would probably be to the earlier

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one. Another point of some interest has been supposed to be involved in the date of Tiridates' flight. Two of the Odes which refer to this event (3. 8 and 29) speak also of Maecenas as burdened with cares of State in a way in which no other Ode speaks of him. 'Mitte civilis super urbe curas,' 'Tu civitatem quis deceat status Curas, et urbi sollicitus times.' These expressions have been usually interpreted of the powers which Augustus is known to have delegated to Maecenas during his own absence from Rome in the last year of the civil war. Dion 51. 3, Tac. Ann. 6. 11 'Augustus bellis civilibus Cilnium Maecenatem equestris ordinis cunctis apud Romam atque Italiam praeposuit.' If the later date of these Odes were adopted it would seem necessary to assume, what is probable enough in itself, but not otherwise ascertained, that the same powers were entrusted to Maecenas during Augustus' absence in Gaul and Spain in the years B.C. 27-24.

II.—THE ORDER OF THE ODES, AND THEIR DIVISION INTO THREE BOOKS.

§ 9. In the preceding pages I have assumed the correctness of the traditional view that Books i-iii form a unity. How far particular Odes or groups of Odes may have been shown to friends or given wider publicity before the whole collection was complete, it is of course beyond our power to guess: but we mean that the three Books were arranged as we have them by Horace himself, at one time, and intended to be read as a whole.

§ 10. This can hardly be said to rest on external evidence, for although the words of Suetonius, 'tribus carminum libris ex longo intervallo quantum addere,' lend themselves to the idea of such a substantial unity of the earlier Books, they do not necessitate it; but the internal evidence in its favour is very strong. In other cases where Horace's poems are divided into 'Books,' there is a corresponding difference of personal and historical background which explains the division: these three 'Books' reflect the same time; all their references to persons and events point, as we have seen, to a single period of about seven years. Whatever be their

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principle of arrangement, whether within the separate Books or as between them, it is not chronological¹. The only Ode that can be with confidence dated as early as B.C. 30 is 1. 37. Of two Odes which can be definitely placed in B.C. 24 one is in the third Book, the other in the first (3. 14, 1. 24). Od. 1. 12 belongs almost certainly to the later years of that period. The Odes which turn on the two synchronous personal events, the poet's escape from the falling tree and the recovery of Maecenas from dangerous illness, are distributed between the three Books, and the one which must be latest in composition (1. 20) is in the first Book. The view based on such considerations is seen to harmonize with indications of unity within the poems themselves. It seems to be implied in the analogy which we notice between the dedication of Epp. 1. 1 and 19, and of Od. 1. 1 and 3. 29 to Maecenas, while in each case the last poem in the collection, Epp. 1. 20, Od. 3. 30, is reserved for the poet's literary self-consciousness. The references in Book iv treat the three preceding Books as a whole—as e.g. in the relation of 4. 1 to 1. 19 and 3. 26, as one of the earliest and the latest of the love Odes of his earlier poetry. Above all, it is only when this unity is recognized that we perceive that full significance in the arrangement of the Odes which the example of the Fourth Book prepares us to expect².

§ 11. Some kind of conscious arrangement subsequent to composition, and not chronological, is obvious on the face of the Epodes, Satires, and Epistles. There is at least the choice of the opening poem, not usually³, if ever, earliest in date of composition,

¹ It will be noticed that if this is the case, and if also the existing arrangement of the Odes is the original one, it follows necessarily that the three Books must have been published simultaneously. The division of the Books and the order of the Odes as they are have the right of undisputed tradition. One MS. only departs from them (viz. B), and that, as will be seen from the account given of it on p. 5, bears, though in another way, witness to the usual arrangement. Diomedes, the writer on metre (quoted by Priscian and therefore not later than the fifth century), refers to the Odes by their present numbering.

² It may be added that if, as is generally believed, Epp. 1. 13 refers to the presentation of the Odes to Augustus, it is in accordance with the current view that Horace speaks of the poems sent as 'libelli,' 'fasciculus librorum,' in contrast with his use of the singular 'libellus' of the First Book of the Satires in Sat. 1. 10. 92.

³ Epod. 1, if it refers, as seems probable, to Actium, is one of the two

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an apology for the style of writing as in Sat. ii or a quasi-dedicatory address as in the Epodes, Sat. i, and both Books of the Epistles. And there are reasons frequently to be detected for the juxtaposition or separation of particular poems. In the Epodes, for instance, we notice especially the metrical arrangement of 1-10, 11-16, 17, and the distribution at intervals of poems upon the same subject, such as those upon Canidia (5 and 17) and those in which he touches politics (1, 7, 9, 16)¹.

§ 12. It is natural that the art expended on the arrangement of the Odes² should be greater. The moods which they reflect are more various, and the poems are of a kind which has more to gain by contrast or preparation. But there is a greater reason in the delicacy of the ground upon which they enter, in respect to the politics of the time. Horace has in them to justify his change of sides, neither to ignore nor to make too much of it—he has to praise with tact one, *'cui male si palpere, recalcitrat'*—he has with dignity and without offence to do justice to old friendships and old ideals. In this task he takes refuge in the irony, partly a method of his art, partly a natural instinct, *'parentis viribus atque extenuantis eas consulto,'* which marks so deeply all his writings³. It enables him in Satires and Epistles to preach without seeming

latest in the Book. In Epp. ii the first of the two Epistles is to be dated six or seven years later than the second. In Sat. ii the first Satire seems to carry in it a reference to B.C. 30, the year of the publication of the Book.

¹ For instances in the Satires and Epistles, see vol. ii. pp. 14 and 210.

² The case of Odes iv is dealt with fully in the introduction to that Book. The art of the arrangement is more generally recognized in it than in the three earlier Books, only because the material to be disposed is smaller in quantity, and because the purpose of the Book is more fully avowed.

³ On its artistic side this irony is nearly connected with another feature of his style which will be noticed on 2. 19 (Introd. and on v. 31), 3. 5. 56, and 4. 2. 57, namely his affectation, in poems where we have been wrought higher than usual, of a dull, even conventional, ending, as though the passion ought to die away in a diminuendo before the strain ceases. This again passes into the mere sense of the relief afforded by contrast, or unwillingness to dwell too long on one note. When we are discussing the motives which led to the placing of a particular poem, whether political in its purpose or not, it is not possible to draw the line exactly between these closely related feelings.

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to preach. In his Odes he would have his readers take him as the poet of mirth and love ('non praeter solitum levis,') never to be taken too seriously, surprised sometimes into lofty themes and genuine enthusiasm, but recovering himself before he has done injury to subjects for which he is unfit.

This irony expresses itself within the Odes in many ways—in the negative form of such Odes as 1. 6, 2. 12, 4. 2, in the apologetic stanza which concludes 2. 1 or 3. 3, in the half humorous way in which he recalls his share in the campaign of Philippi in 2. 7. But we miss a great deal of its effect if we do not notice it also in their arrangement. It is this rather than the mere desire for variety which dictates the distribution of the political Odes at long intervals. They must not seem to claim too large a share in the writer's thoughts. It rules also to some extent the particular sequence in which they are placed. The most evident instance is the elaborate prelude to B. iv; but there is something of the same spirit in the arrangement which makes 1. 2, the political recantation and profession which he sets in the forefront of the poems, follow 1. 1, in which he has apologized for the poet's art as one of the thousand unaccountable tastes of mankind; or again in the position of 1. 12, between the astrologers of Leuconoe and the coquetries of Lydia. The same effect is sought again in the light touch of 'Persicos odi' and 'Quid fles Asterie,' which follow and relieve the earnestness of 1. 37 and 3. 1-6.

§ 13. That a certain veil of irony is thrown over them increases rather than diminishes our sense of the important place which the political Odes held in the disposition of the three Books. It may even be suggested that the triple division is due to them. Not only do they occupy prominent places in each book; they are so disposed as to give the sense, as between the three Books, of a progress and development in the poet's political ideas. In B. i (2, 12, 14, 35, 37) the rule of Octavianus is accepted as the welcome end of the civil wars, and as the deliverance (and this is emphasized by the place given to 37) from the alternative rule of Antony and Cleopatra with its degrading accompaniments. The tone and arguments are still to a great extent those of the Epodes. In B. ii we have less of politics; but Ode 1 repeats in the form of

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comments on Pollio's forthcoming history the poet's disgust at the aimless bloodshed of the epoch which is closed, while 15, 16, 18, by their arraignment of social evils, prepare the way for the positive aspect of the imperial rule which is to be shown in B. iii. We notice that it is in this Book, as in neutral ground, that Horace finds place (Od. 7) for reminiscences of the part which he had himself taken and for his tribute to the lost cause. It is in B. iii, after an exordium which calls special attention as to something of higher import than anything that has gone before, that he sets himself (Odes 1-6, 24) to describe at length the work which the new government is to do, and the solid grounds on which good citizens should accept it, as promising a régime of moderation and culture, the restoration of religion, of the military spirit, of simple living and morality.

§ 14. As with the political Odes, so with the others, although the chronological order of composition is in no sense the primary principle of arrangement, and is at times demonstrably departed from, Horace seems to have designedly given to each of the three Books a colour and characteristics of its own. The *First* contains probably on the whole his earlier compositions. In it are found most of his experiments in metre (4, 7, 8, 28), most of the Odes which seem studies from the Greek (as 10, 15, 30), or which take their starting-point (as 9, 14, 18) from some known passage of Greek poetry. The *Second* is the Book given most largely to personal friendship and autobiographical touches. In the *Third* we find what on literary grounds we feel to be Horace's maturest work—the Odes in which he attains, if not his most perfect finish, his greatest freedom; in which the influence of Pindar seems to be supplanting that of the Lesbian poets. It is the Book in which his metrical ear seems most exacting. We may notice that the three Books are made to mark stages in the poet's literary self-confidence. We pass from the deprecatory and ironical tone of 1. 1, through 2. 20 in which, although he applies to himself the epitaph of Ennius, he is still thinking (as in Sat. 1. 6) of the taunts levelled at his humble origin, and finding his consolation in the favour of Maecenas, to the triumphal tone of 3. 30, in which he claims the bay as his right, and associates himself with the eternity of Rome.

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§ 15. If we knew more of Horace's relations to private friends or public characters¹ to whom he addresses Odes, we should possibly see in more cases than we do an appropriateness in the places assigned to them. In a few cases it is evident. The position of *Maecenas* as the patron 'prima dictus summa dicendus Camena' is marked, as I have already noticed, by the dedication to him of 1. 1 and 3. 29. It is marked also by scattering the other Odes addressed to him at measured intervals as carefully as the political Odes. We are never to be long without hearing his name². For the contrasted position which he occupies in B. iv, see introduction to that Book.

It is interesting to notice in the first three Odes of B. i, that the name which stands next to *Maecenas* and *Caesar* is that of the poet *Virgil*, the friend to whose introduction to *Maecenas* Horace owed his fortunes. It has been pointed out as probably significant that the next three Odes addressed to real persons (4, 6, 7) bear the names of men with special claims to the emperor's favour: *Sestius* cos. suffect. in B.C. 23, *Agrippa* the victor of *Actium*, and (though the identification is less certain) *L. Munatius Plancus*, on whose proposal the title of *Augustus* had been bestowed by the Senate in B.C. 27. Similarly *Kiessling* has pointed out that *Pollio*, *Sallustius*, and *Dellius*, whose names stand at the head of Odes 2. 1, 2, 3, are ranked together in *Sen. de Clem.* 1. 10, as amongst the first of the leading citizens to reconcile themselves to *Octavianus*.

§ 16. The arrangement of the *Epodes* prepares us to expect that *metre* would have some influence in the placing of the Odes. A negative influence it evidently has, from the care with which he avoids the juxtaposition of two Odes of the same metre. In the great instance to the contrary (3. 1-6) the obvious purpose gives the greater significance to his usual practice. As a positive motive for placing particular Odes the principle has less scope, but we cannot but notice that in B. i the first nine Odes furnish specimens of nine out of the eleven metres found in the three Books, one of

¹ The case of unknown names, male and female, *Pyrrrha*, *Lydia*, *Sybaris*, and the like, stands on different grounds, and is dealt with in Appendix I.

² The Odes addressed to *Maecenas* are 1. 1, 20; 2. 12, 17, 20; 3. 8, 16, 29.

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the two exceptions being made up in Ode 11. The alternation of Sapphics and Alcaics through more than half of B. ii seems another instance.

§ 17. As with metre so with subject and tone, the great aim in the arrangement seems to be variety. The key is to be changed as often as possible. If two or more Odes are unusually like one another they are relieved by a stronger contrast. We pass from personal topics to public, from friendship to love, from real persons to shadows, from banter to earnestness, from the philosophy of life to its pleasures, from the tone of the Stoic to that of the Epicurean. While this is the general principle, we can sometimes see, probably we oftener fail from ignorance to see, some link of association, either through similarity or contrast, which would guide the arranger's hand, consciously or unconsciously, in placing one Ode next to another. I have suggested such links sometimes in the notes, but the ground is not substantial enough for further generalization.

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CARMINVM

LIBER PRIMVS

I

MAECENAS atavis edite regibus,
o et praesidium et dulce decus meum,
sunt quos curriculo pulverem ~~Θι~~,
collegisse iuvat, metaque fervidis
evitata rotis palmaque nobilis
terrarum dominos evehit ad deos;
hunc, si mobilium turba Quiritium
certat tergeminis tollere honoribus;
illum, si proprio condidit horreo
quidquid de Libycis verritur areis.
gaudentem patrios findere sarculo
agros Attalicis condicionibus
numquam dimoveas ut trabe Cypria
Myrtoum pavidus nauta secet mare.
luctantem Icariis fluctibus Africum
mercator metuens otium et oppidi
laudat rura sui; mox reficit ratis

elypticum

5

10

15

*In Carminibus notantur lectiones variae codicum BAaRλδφψπυνLγC
et in locis nonnullis etiam codicum VDτρεβσR^sg*

Titulus ut dedimus aRλδφψπ, nisi quod Horatii habent λδφψπ.

I 7 mobilium *vulg. Acr. Porph.:* nobilium πν *et secunda manu*
BARλφν 13 demoveas BR

HORATI CARM.

1

quassas, indocilis pauperiem pati.
 est qui nec veteris pocula Massici
 nec partem solido demere de die 20
 spernit, nunc viridi membra sub arbuto
 stratus, nunc ad aquae lene caput sacrae.
 multos castra iuvant et lituo tubae
 permixtus sonitus bellaque matribus
 detestata. manet sub Iove frigidus 25
 venator tenerae coniugis immemor,
 seu visa est catulis cerva fidelibus,
 seu rupit teretes Marsus aper plagas.
 me doctarum hederæ præmia frontium
 dis miscent superis, me gelidum nemus 30
 nympharumque leves cum Satyris chori
 seruant populo, si neque tibiae
 Et ~~chorda~~ ~~chorda~~ ~~chorda~~ Polyhymnia
 Lesboum refugit tendere barbiton.
 quodsi me lyricis vatibus inseres, 35
 sublimi feriam sidera vertice.

II

IAM satis terris nivis atque diræ
 grandinis misit Pater et rubente
 dextera sacras iaculatus arces
 terruit urbem,
 terruit gentis, grave ne rediret 5
 saeculum Pyrrhæ nova, monstra questæ,
 omne cum Proteus pecus egit altos
 visere montis,
 piscium et summa genus haesit ulmo
 nota quæ sedes fuerat columbis, 10
 et superiecto pavidæ natarunt
 aequore dammae.

35 inseres *BAaRvC*: inseris *λδφψπ*

II 10 palumbis *π Porph.* (?)

vidimus flavum Tiberim retortis
litore Etrusco violenter undis
ire deiectum monumenta regis 15
 templaque Vestae,

Iliae dum se nimium querenti
iactat ultorem, vagus et sinistra
labitur ripa Iove non probante u-
 xorius amnis. 20

audiet civis acuisse ferrum
quo graves Persæ melius perirent,
audiet pugnæ vitio parentum
 rara iuventus.

quem vocet divum populus ruentis 25
imperi rebus? prece qua fatigent
virgines sanctæ minus audientem
 carmina Vestam?

cui dabit partis scelus expiandi
Iuppiter? tandem venias precamur 30
nube candentis umeros amictus,
 augur Apollo;

sive tu mavis, Erycina ridens,
quam Iocus circum volat et Cupido;
sive neglectum genus et nepotes 35
 respicis auctor,

heu nimis longo satiate ludo,
quem iuvat clamor galeaeque leves
acer et Mauri peditis cruentum
 vultus in hostem; 40

sive mutata iuvenem figura
ales in terris imitæ almae
filius Maiæ patiens vocari
 Caesaris ultor:

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serus in caelum redeas diuque
laetus intersis populo Quirini,
neve te nostris vitiis iniquum
ocior aura

45

tollat; hic magnos potius triumphos,
hic ames dici pater atque princeps,
neu sinas Medos equitare inultos
te duce, Caesar.

50

III

Sic te diva potens Cypri,
sic fratres Helenae, lucida sidera,
ventorumque regat pater
obstrictis aliis praeter Iapyga,
navis, quae tibi creditum
debes Vergilium, finibus Atticis
reddas incolumem precor,
et serves animae dimidium meae.
illi robur et aes triplex
circa pectus erat, qui fragilem truci
commisit pelago ratem
primus, nec timuit praecipitem Africum
decertantem Aquilonibus
nec tristis Hyadas nec rabiem Noti,
quo non arbiter Hadriae
maior, tollere seu ponere vult freta.
quem mortis timuit gradum,
qui siccis oculis monstra natantia,
qui vidit mare turbidum et
infamis scopulos Acroceraunia?
nequiquam deus abscidit
prudens Oceano dissociabili

5

10

15

20

III om. B

19 turbidum 'Bland. omnes' AaλIDτLR⁸C: turgidum Rδφψπ

terras, si tamen impiae
 non tangenda rates transiliunt vada,
 audax omnia perpeti 25
 gens humana ruit per vetitum nefas.
 audax Iapeti genus
 ignem fraude mala gentibus intulit.
 post ignem aetheria domo
 subductum macies et nova febrium 30
 terris incubuit cohors,
 semotique prius tarda necessitas
 leti corripuit gradum.
 expertus vacuum Daedalus aera
 pennis non homini datis: 35
 perrupit Acheronta Hercules labor.
 nil mortalibus ardui est:
 caelum ipsum petimus stultitia neque
 per nostrum patimur scelus
 iracunda Iovem ponere fulmina. 40

IV

SOLVITVR acris hiems grata vice veris et Favoni,
 trahuntque siccas machinae carinas,
 ac neque iam stabulis gaudet pecus aut arator igni,
 nec prata canis albicant pruinis.
 iam Cytherea choros ducit Venus imminente Luna, 5
 iunctaeque Nymphis Gratiae decentes
 alterno terram quatunt pede, dum gravis Cyclopum
 Vulcanus ardens visit officinas.
 nunc decet aut viridi nitidum caput impedire myrto
 aut flore terrae quem ferunt solutae; 10
 nunc et in umbrosis Fauno decet immolare lucis,
 seu poscat agna sive malit haedo.

37 arduum *RvLC*

IV *om. B*

8 visit *AaRλπvC*: urit *δφψuDLR^s*

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pallida Mors aequo pulsat pede pauperum tabernas
regumque turris. o beate Sesti,
vitae summa brevis spem nos vetat incohare longam. 15
iam te premet nox fabulaeque Manes
et domus exilis Plutonia; quo simul mearis,
nec regna vini sortiēre talis,
nec tenerum Lycidan mirabere, quo calet iuventus
nunc omnis et mox virgines tepebunt. 20

V

QVIS multa gracilis te puer in rosa
perfusus liquidis urget odoribus
grato, Pyrrha, sub antro?
cui flavam religas comam,
simplex munditiis? heu quotiens fidem 5
mutatosque deos flebit et aspera
nigris aequora ventis
emirabitur insolens,
qui nunc te fruitur credulus aurea,
qui semper vacuam, semper amabilem 10
sperat, nescius aurae
fallacis! miseri, quibus
intemptata nites. me tabulā sacer
votivā paries indicat uvida
suspendisse potenti 15
vestimenta maris deo.

VI

SCRIBERIS Vario fortis et hostium
victor Maeonii carminis alite,
quam rem cumque ferox navibus aut equis
miles te duce gesserit:

nos, Agrippa, neque haec dicere nec gravem 5
 Pelidae stomachum cedere nescii
 nec cursus duplicis per mare Vlixei
 nec saevam Pelopis domum

conamur, tenues grandia, dum pudor
 imbellisque lyrae Musa potens vetat 10
 laudes egregii Caesaris et tuas
 culpa deterere ingeni.

quis Martem tunica tectum adamantina
 digne scripserit aut pulvere Troico
 nigrum Merionen aut ope Palladis 15
 Tydiden superis parem?

nos convivia, nos proelia virginum
 sectis in iuvenes unguibus acrium
 cantamus vacui, sive quid urimur
 non praeter solitum leves. 20

VII

LAUDABVNT alii claram Rhodon aut Mytilenen
 aut Epheson bimarisque Corinthi
 moenia vel Baccho Thebas vel Apolline Delphos
 insignis aut Thessala Tempe :
 sunt quibus unum opus est intactae Palladis urbem 5
 carmine perpetuo celebrare et
 undique decerptam fronti praeponere olivam :
 plurimus in Iunonis honorem
 aptum dicet equis Argos ditisque Mycenae :
 me nec tam patiens Lacedaemon 10
 nec tam Larisae percussit campus opimae,
 quam domus Albunae resonantis
 et praeceps Anio ac Tiburni lucus et uda
 mobilibus pomaria rivis.

VI 7 duplicis *vulg. Porph.* : duplices *AauvC Acr.* 18 strictis *Bentl.*
 VII *om. B* 7 decerptae frondi *Erasmus*

Q. HORATI FLACCI

albus ut obscuro deterget nubila caelo 15
 saepe totus neque parturit imbris
 perpetuo, sic tu sapiens finire memento
 tristitiam vitaeque labores
 molli, Plance, mero, seu te fulgentia signis 20
 castra tenent seu densa tenebit
 Tiburis umbra tui. Teucer Salamina patremque
 cum fugeret, tamen uda Lyaeo
 tempora populea fertur vinxisse corona,
 sic tristis adfatus amicos:
 'quo nos cumque feret melior fortuna parente, 25
 ibimus, o socii comitesque.
 nil desperandum Teucro duce et auspice Teucro;
 certus enim promisit Apollo
 ambiguum tellure nova Salamina futuram.
 o fortes peioraque passi 30
 mecum saepe viri, nunc vino pellite curas;
 cras ingens iterabimus aequor.'

VIII

LYDIA, dic, per omnis
 te deos oro, Sybarin cur properes amando
 perdere, cur apricum
 oderit campum, patiens pulveris atque solis.
 cur neque militaris 5
 inter aequalis equitat, Gallica nec lupatis
 temperat ora frenis?
 cur timet flavum Tiberim tangere? cur olivum
 sanguine viperino
 cautius vitat neque iam livida gestat armis 10

15 *Novum carmen incipiunt Αλδφψπυγ*, 'hanc oden quidam putant
 aliam esse, sed eadem est' *Porph. ad v. 15* 17 *perpetuos AavDLC*
 27 *auspice Teucro λδφψπD*: *auspice Teucro AaRvγC Acr.*: *auspice*;
Teucro interpunxit Keller

VIII 2 *te deos oro λδψπLR^s Acr.*: *hoc deos vere BAaRD*: *hoc*
deos oro πνγ Bentl. 6, 7 *equitat δπγ... temperat δ*: *equitet*
temperet cett.

bracchia, saepe disco,
 saepe trans finem iaculo nobilis expedito?
 quid latet, ut marinae
 filium dicunt Thetidis sub lacrimosa Troiae
 funera, ne virilis 15
 cultus in caedem et Lycias proriperet catervas?

IX

VIDES ut alta stet nive candidum
 Soracte, nec iam sustineant onus
 silvae laborantes, geluque
 flumina constiterint acuto.
 dissolve frigus ligna super foco 5
 large reponens atque benignius
 deprome quadrimum Sabina,
 o Thaliarche, merum diota:
 permitte divis cetera, qui simul
 stravere ventos aequore fervido 10
 deproeliantis, nec cupressi
 nec veteres agitantur orni.
 quid sit futurum cras fuge quaerere et
 quem Fors dierum cumque dabit lucro
 appone, nec dulcis amores 15
 sperne puer neque tu choreas,
 donec virenti canities abest
 morosa. nunc et campus et areae
 lenesque sub noctem susurri
 composita repetantur hora, 20
 nunc et latentis proditor intimo
 gratus puellae risus ab angulo
 pignusque dereptum lacertis
 aut digito male pertinaci.

X

MERCVRI, facunde nepos Atlantis,
 qui feros cultus hominum recentum
 voce formasti catus et decorae

more palaestrae,

te canam, magni Iovis et deorum
 nuntium curvaeque lyrae parentem,
 callidum quidquid placuit iocoso
 condere furto.

5

te, boves olim nisi reddidisses
 per dolum amotas, puerum minaci
 voce dum terret, viduus pharetra
 risit Apollo.

10

quin et Atridas duce te superbos
 Ilio dives Priamus relicto
 Thessalosque ignis et iniqua Troiae
 castra fefellit.

15

tu pias laetis animas reponis
 sedibus virgaque levem coerces
 aurea turbam, superis deorum
 gratus et imis.

20

XI

Tv ne quaesieris, scire nefas, quem mihi, quem tibi
 finem di dederint, Leuconoe, nec Babylonios
 temptaris numeros. ut melius, quidquid erit, pati,
 seu pluris hiemes seu tribuit Iuppiter ultimam,
 quae nunc oppositis debilitat pumicibus mare
 Tyrrhenum: sapias, vina liques, et spatio brevi
 spem longam reseces. dum loquimur, fugerit invida
 aetas: carpe diem, quam minimum credula postero.

5

XII

QVEM virum aut heroa lyra vel acri
tibia sumis celebrare, Clio?

quem deum? cuius recinet iocosa

nomen imago

aut in umbrosis Heliconis oris

5

aut super Pindo gelidove in Haemo,

unde vocalem temere insecutae

Orphea silvae

arte materna rapidos morantem

fluminum lapsus celerisque ventos,

10

blandum et auritas fidibus canoris

ducere quercus?

quid prius dicam solitis parentis

laudibus, qui res hominum ac deorum,

qui mare ac terras variisque mundum

15

temperat horis?

unde nil maius generatur ipso,

nec viget quicquam simile aut secundum:

proximos illi tamen occupavit

Pallas honores.

20

proeliis audax, neque te silebo,

Liber, et saevis inimica Virgo

beluis, nec te, metuende certa

Phoebe sagitta.

dicam et Alciden puerosque Ledae,

25

hunc equis, illum superare pugnīs

nobilem; quorum simul alba nautis

stella refulsit,

XII 3 recinet (*vel* retinet) *codd. plerique*: recinit δφψuLγ 13 par-
entis BAaRλlrc: parentum δφψπuDR^s, *comm. Cruq.* 15 ac
terras B²Aλλuv: et terras B'aRC: aut terram δφψπγ

defluit saxis agitatus umor,
 concidunt venti fugiuntque nubes, 30
 et minax, quod sic voluere, ponto
 unda recumbit.

Romulum post hos prius an quietum
 Pompili regnum memorem an superbos
 Tarquini fascis, dubito, an Catonis 35
 nobile letum.

Regulum et Scauros animaeque magnae
 prodigum Paulum superante Poeno
 gratus insigni referam Camena
 Fabriciumque. 40

hunc et incompitis Curium capillis
 utilem bello tulit et Camillum
 saeva paupertas et avitus apto
 cum lare fundus.

crescit occulto velut arbor aevo..... 45
 fama Marcelli; micat inter omnis
 Iulium sidus velut inter ignis
 luna minores.

gentis humanae pater atque custos,
 orte Saturno, tibi cura magni 50
 Caesaris fatis data: tu secundo
 Caesare regnes.

ille seu Parthos Latio imminentis
 egerit iusto domitos triumpho,
 sive subiectos Orientis orae 55
 Seras et Indos,

te minor latum reget aequus orbem;
 tu gravi curru quaties Olympum,
 tu parum castis inimica mittes
 fulmina lucis. 60

31 quod *RD*τ: quia *maior* *p.*
 tonsis *Quintil.* ix. 3. 18

τ: qui *B*: quae *R*^s
BLC

41 in-

XIII

CVM tu, Lydia, Telephi
 cervicem roseam, cerea Telephi
 laudas bracchia, vae meum
 fervens difficili bile tumet iecur.
 tum nec mens mihi nec color 5
 certa sede manet, umor et in genas
 furtim labitur, arguens
 quam lentis penitus macerer ignibus.
 uror, seu tibi candidos
 turparunt umeros immodicae mero 10
 rixae, sive puer furens
 impressit memorem dente labris notam.
 non, si me satis audias,
 speres perpetuum dulcia barbare
 laedentem oscula quae Venus 15
 quinta parte sui nectaris imbit.
 felices ter et amplius
 quos irrupta tenet copula nec malis
 divulsus querimoniis
 suprema citius solvet amor die. 20

XIV

O NAVIS, referent in mare te novi
 fluctus! o quid agis? fortiter occupa
 portum! nonne vides ut
 nudum remigio latus,
 et malus celeri saucius Africo, 5
 antennaeque geman, ac sine funibus
 vix durare carinae
 possint imperiosius

Q. HORATI FLACCI

aequor? non tibi sunt integra lintea,
non di quos iterum pressa voces malo. 10
 quamvis Pontica pinus,
 silvae filia nobilis,
iactes et genus et nomen inutile,
nil pictis timidus navita puppibus
 fidit. tu, nisi ventis 15
 debes ludibrium, cave.
nuper sollicitum quae mihi taedium,
nunc desiderium curaque non levis;
 interfusa nitentis
 vites aequora Cycladas. 20

XV

PASTOR cum traheret per freta navibus
Idaeis Helenen perfidus hospitam,
ingrato celeris obruit otio
 ventos, ut caneret fera
Nereus fata: mala ducis avi domum, 5
quam multo repetet Graecia milite,
coniurata tuas rumpere nuptias
 et regnum Priami vetus.
heu heu, quantus equis, quantus adest viris
sudor! quanta moves funera Dardanae 10
genti! iam galeam Pallas et aegida
 currusque et rabiem parat.
nequiquam Veneris praesidio ferox
pectes caesariem grataque feminis
imbelli cithara carmina divides, 15
 nequiquam thalamo gravis

hastas et calami spicula Gnosii
vitabis strepitumque et celerem sequi
Aiacem ; tamen heu serus adulteros
crinis pulvere collines. 20

non Laertiaden, exitium tuae
genti, non Pylum Nestora respicis ?
urgent impavidi te Salaminus
Teucer, te Sthenelus sciens
pugnae, sive opus est imperitare equis, 25
non auriga piger. Merionen quoque
nosces. ecce furit te reperire atrox

Tydides melior patre,
quem tu, cervus uti vallis in altera
visum parte lupum graminis immemor, 30
sublimi fugies mollis anhelitu,
non hoc pollicitus tuae.

iracunda diem proferet Ilio
matronisque Phrygum classis Achillei ;
post certas hiemes uret Achaicus 35
ignis Iliacas domos.

XVI

O MATRE pulchra filia pulchrior,
quem crinosis cumque voles modum
pones iambis, sive flamma
sive mari libet Hadriano.
non Dindymene, non adytis quatinus 5
mentem sacerdotum incola Pythius,
non Liber aequae, non acuta
sic geminant Corybantes aera,

20-32 om. B 20 crinis *Aa* *lluDr* : cultus *Rδφψπγ* 24 te
AaR *λψψ* : et *δDr* *γC*
XVI 8 si π *Bentl.*

Q. HORATI FLACCI

tristes ut irae, quas neque Noricus
deterret ensis nec mare naufragum 10
nec saevus ignis nec tremendo
Iuppiter ipse ruens tumultu.
fertur Prometheus addere principi
limo coactus particulam undique
desectam et insani leonis 15
vim stomacho apposuisse nostro.
irae Thyesten exitio gravi
stravere et altis urbibus ultimae
stetere causae cur perirent
funditus imprimeretque muris 20
hostile aratrum exercitus insolens.
compesce mentem: me quoque pectoris
temptavit in dulci iuventa
fervor et in celeris iambos
misit furem: nunc ego mitibus 25
mutare quaero tristia, dum mihi
fias recantatis amica
opprobriis animumque reddas.

XVII

VELOX amoenum saepe Lucretilem
mutat Lycae Faunus et igneam
defendit aetatem capellis
usque meis pluviosque ventos.
impune tutum per nemus arbutos 5
quaerunt latentis et thyma deviae
olentis uxores mariti,
nec viridis metuunt colubras

nec Martialis Haediliae lupos,
 utcumque dulci, Tyndari, fistula 10
 valles et Vsticae cubantis
 levia personuere saxa.
 di me tuentur, dis pietas mea
 et musa cordi est. hic tibi copia
 manabit ad plenum benigno 15
 ruris honorum opulenta cornu:
 hic in reducta valle Caniculae
 vitabis aestus et fide Teia
 dices laborantis in uno
 Penelopen vitreamque Circen: 20
 hic innocentis pocula Lesbii
 duces sub umbra, nec Semeleius
 cum Marte confundet Thyoneus
 proelia, nec metues protervum
 suspecta Cyrum, ne male dispari 25
 incontinentis iniciat manus
 et scindat haerentem coronam
 crinibus immeritamque vestem.

XVIII

NVLLAM, Vare, sacra vite prius severis arborem
 circa mite solum Tiburis et moenia Catili.
 siccis omnia nam dura deus proposuit, neque
 mordaces aliter diffugiunt sollicitudines. 4
 quis post vina gravem militiam aut pauperiem crepat?
 quis non te potius, Bacche pater, teque, decens Venus?
 ac ne quis modici transiliat munera Liberi,

XVII 9 Haediliae] haediliae (vel hediliae) BRλλφψυ: ediliae δπ:
 haedilia AC, 'septa haedorum' Acr.: aediliae Porph.: haedulei vel
 haeduleae coni. Auratus Benth. 14 hic Dr Benth.: hinc cell.
 codd. Acr. Porph.

XVIII 7 at uLR⁸

Q. HORATI FLACCI

Centaurea monet cum Lapithis rixa super mero
 debellata, monet Sithoniis non levis Euhius,
 cum fas atque nefas exiguo fine libidinum 10
 discernunt avidi. non ego te, candide Bassareu,
 invitum quatiā, nec variis obsita frondibus
 sub divum rapiam. saeva tene cum Berecynthio
 cornu tympana, quae subsequitur caecus Amor sui
 et tollens vacuum plus nimio Gloria verticem 15
 arcanique Fides prodiga, perlucidior vitro.

XIX

MATER saeva Cupidinum
 Thebanaeque iubet me Semelae puer
 et lasciva Licentia
 finitis animum reddere amoribus.
 urit me Glycerae nitor 5
 splendentis Pario marmore purius :
 urit grata protervitas
 et vultus nimium lubricus aspici.
 in me tota ruens Venus
 Cyprum deseruit, nec patitur Scythas 10
 et versis animosum equis
 Parthum dicere nec quae nihil attinent.
 hic vivum mihi caespitem, hic
 verbenas, pueri, ponite turaque
 bimi cum patera meri : 15
 mactata veniet lenior hostia.

XX

VILĒ potabis modicis Sabinum
 cantharis, Graeca quod ego ipse testa
 conditum levi, datus in theatro
 cum tibi plausus,

XIX 2 iubent *BAI* 12 attinent (*vel* *ad* tinent) *vulg. Porph.* :
 attinet *Rφψ* 15 *om. B*

care Maecenas eques, ut paterni 5
fluminis ripae simul et iocosa
redderet laudes tibi Vaticani
montis imago.

Caecubum et prelo domitam Caleno
tu bibes uvam: mea nec Falernae 10
temperant vites neque Formiani
pocula colles.

XXI

DIANAM tenerae dicite virgines,
intonsum, pueri, dicite Cynthium

Latonamque supremo

dilectam penitus Iovi.

vos laetam fluviis et nemorum coma, 5
quaecumque aut gelido prominet Algido
nigris aut Erymanthi

silvis aut viridis Cragi.

vos Tempe totidem tollite laudibus
natalemque, mares, Delon Apollinis, 10
insignemque pharetra

fraternaue umerum lyra.

hic bellum lacrimosum, hic miseram famem
pestemque a populo et principe Caesare in

Persas atque Britannos 15

vestra motus aget prece.

INTEGER vitae sce[redacted]ue purus
non eget Mauris iaculis neque arcu
nec venenatis grvida sagittis,

Fusce, pharetra,

XX 10 tu *codd.*: tum *Porph. ad Serm. ii. 2. 48* bibes *codd. plerique*,
Porph. ibid.: bides λ : vides *Munro*: bibas *Keller*
XXI 5 comam 'quatuor *Bland.*' *BaφψLC*

Q. HORATI FLACCI

sive per Syrtis iter aestuosas
sive facturus per inhospitalem
Caucasum vel quae loca fabulosus
lambit Hydaspes.

5

namque me silva lupus in Sabina,
dum meam canto Lalagen et ultra
terminum curis vagor expeditis,
fugit inermem,

10

quale portentum neque militaris
Daunias latis alit aesculetis
nec Iubae tellus generat, leonum
arida nutrix.

15

pone me pigris ubi nulla campis
arbor aestiva recreatur aura,
quod latus mundi nebulae malusque
Iuppiter urget ;

20

pone sub curru nimium propinqui
solis in terra domibus negata :
dulce ridentem Lalagen amabo,
dulce loquentem.

XXIII

VITAS inuleo me similis, Chloe,
quaerenti pavidam montibus aviis
matrem non sine vano
aurarum et silvarum metu.
nam seu mobilis inhorrui
adventus foliis seu vides rubum
dimovere lacertae,
et corde et genibus tremit.

5

XXII 11 expeditis *vulg.* *Porph.* : expeditus ϕ , *schol.* *ad cod.* λ

XXIII 1 vitas *u comm.* *Cruq.* : vitat *codd.* *plerique*, *Acr.* *Porph.*
5, 6 veris . . . adventus *codd.* *Porph.* : vitis . . . ad ventum *Muretus* :
vepris . . . ad ventum *Bentl. al.* : vepris . . . ad ventos *Keller*

XXVI

MYSIS amicus tristitiam et metus
tradam protervis in mare Creticum
portare ventis, quis sub Arcto
rex gelidae metuatur orae,
quid Tiridaten terreat, unice
securus. o quae fontibus integris
gaudes, apricos necte flores,
necte meo Lamiae coronam,
Piplea dulcis! nil sine te mei
prosunt honores: hunc fidibus novis,
hunc Lesbio sacrare plectro
teque tuasque decet sorores.

5

10

XXVI 5-12 om. B

XXVII

NATIS in usum laetitiae scyphis
pugnare Thracum est : tollite barbarum
morem, verecundumque Bacchum
sanguineis prohibete rixis.

vino et lucernis Medus acinaces 5
immane quantum discrepat : impium
lenite clamorem, sodales,

et cubito remanete presso.
vultu ~~me~~ ~~me~~ quoque sumere
pallidum Salerni? dicat Opuntiae 10
frater Megillae, quo beatus
vulnere, qua pereat sagitta.

cessat voluntas? non alia bibam
mercede. quae te cumque domat Venus,
non erubescendis adurit 15

ignibus, ingenuoque semper
amore peccas. quidquid habes, a^{ge}
depone tutis auribus. a! miser,
quanta laborabas Charybdi,
digne puer meliore flamma. 20

quae saga, quis te solvere Thessalis
magus venenis, quis poterit deus?
vix illigatum te triformi
Pegasus expediet Chimaera.

XXVIII

TE maris et terrae numeroque carentis harenae
mensorem cohibent, Archyta,
pulveris exigui prope litus parva Matinum
munera, nec quicquam tibi prodest

XXVII 3 verecundumque *codd. Acr.* : inverecundumque *Bentl.*
13 voluntas *AaRvDLγC Acr.* : voluptas *ΒλδφψπυR^sγ Porph.* 19
laboras *δC Porph.* : laboras in *coni. Bentl.*
XXVIII 3 litus *λδφψυLR^s* : latum *BAaRD*

Q. HORATI FLACCI

aérias temptasse domos animoque rotundum 5
 percurrisse polum morituro.
 occidit et Pelopis genitor, conviva deorum,
 Tithonusque remotus in auras,
 et Iovis arcanis Minos admissus, habentque
 Tartara Panthoiden iterum Orco 10
 demissum, quamvis clipeo Troiana refixo
 tempora testatus nihil ultra
 nervos atque cutem morti concesserat atrae,
 iudice te non sordidus auctor
 naturae verique. sed omnis una manet, 15
 et calcanda semel via leti.
 dant alios Furiae torvo spectacula Marti;
 exitio est avidum mare nautis;
 mixta senum ac iuvenum densentur funera; nullum
 saeva caput Proserpina fugit. 20
 me quoque devexi rapidus comes Orionis
 Illyricis Notus obruit undis.
 at tu, nauta, vagae ne parce malignus harenae
 ossibus et capiti inhumato
 particulam dare: sic, quodcumque minabitur Euris 25
 fluctibus Hesperiiis, Venusinae
 plectantur silvae te sospite, multaque merces
 unde potest tibi defluat aequo
 ab Iove Neptunoque sacri custode Tarenti.
 neglegis immeritis nocituram 30
 postmodo te natis fraudem committere? fors et
 debita iura vicesque superbae
 te maneant ipsum: precibus non linquar inultis,
 teque piacula nulla resolvent.
 quamquam festinas, non est mora longa; licebit 35
 iniecto ter pulvere curras.

18 avidis *editiones veteres* 27 plectentur *B*: flectantur *ψ*
 31 forset *λδπD*: forsit *aR*: forsan *B*

XXIX

Icci, beatis nunc Arabum invides
 gazis, et acrem militiam paras
 non ante devictis Sabaeae
 regibus, horribilique Medo
 nectis catenas? quae tibi virginum
 sponso necato barbara serviet?
 puer quis ex aula capillis
 ad cyathum statuatur unctis,
 doctus sagittas tendere Sericas
 arcu paterno? quis neget arduis
 pronos relabi posse rivos
 montibus et Tiberim reverti,
 cum tu coemptos undique nobilis
 libros Panaeti Socraticam et domum
 mutare loricis Hiberis,
 pollicitus meliora, tendis?

XXX

O VENVS, regina Cnidi Paphique,
 sperne dilectam Cypron et vocantis
 ture te inulto Glycerae decoram
 transfer in aedem.
 fervidus tecum puer et solutis
 Gratiae zonis properentque Nymphae
 et parum comis sine te Iuventas
 Mercuriusque.

XXXI

QVĪD dedicatum poscit Apollinem
vates? quid orat de patera novum
fundens liquorem? non opimae
Sardiniae segetes feraces,

non aestuosae grata Calabriae 5
 armenta, non aurum aut ebur Indicum,
 non rura quae Liris⁴ quæta
 mordet aqua taciturnus amnis.
 premant Calena falce quibus dedit
 fortuna vitem, dives et aureis 10
 mercator exsiccet culullis
 vina Syra reparata merce,
 dis carus ipsis, quippe ter et quater
 anno revisens aequor Atlanticum
 impune. me pascunt olivæ, 15
 me cichorea levesque malvæ.
 frui paratis et valido mihi,
 Latoe, dones, at, precor, integra
 cum mente, nec turpem senectam
 degere nec cithara carentem. 20

XXXII

POSCIMVR. si quid vacui sub umbra
 lusimus tecum, quod et hunc in annum
 vivat et pluris, age dic Latinum,
 barbite, carmen,
 Lesbio primum modulate civi, 5
 qui ferox bello, tamen inter arma
 sive iactatam religarat udo
 litore navim,
 Liberum et Musas Veneremque et illi
 semper haerentem puerum canebat 10
 et Lycum nigris oculis nigroque
 crine decorum.

XXXI 9 Calenam lemma Porph., Bentl. 10 dives et Ααπτ. R⁸ γγ :
 dives ut BRλδφψuLC 18 at codd. Kelleriani omnes : ac in codd.
 se invenisse tradunt Cruquius Bentl. : et Lambinus

XXXII 1 Poscimur Rλδφψuτ Acr. : Poscimur B AalvDLR⁸ γ Dio-
 medes Servius de metris

CARMINVM LIBER I

o decus Phoebi et dapibus supremi
grata testudo Iovis, o laborum
dulce lenimen, mihi cumque salve 15
rite vocanti.

XXXIII

ALBI, ne doleas plus nimio memor
immitis Glycerae neu miserabilis
decantes elegos, cur tibi iunior
laesa praeniteat fide,
insignem tenui fronte Lycorida 5
Cyri torret amor, Cyrus in asperam
declinat Pholoen; sed prius Apulis
iungentur capreae lupis,
quam turpi Pholoe peccet adultero.
sic visum Veneri, cui placet imparis 10
formas atque animos sub iuga aenea
saevo mittere cum ioco.
ipsum me melior cum peteret Venus,
grata detinuit compede Myrtale
libertina, fretis acrior Hadriae 15
curvantis Calabros sinus.

XXXIV

PARCVS deorum cultor et infrequens
insanientis dum sapientiae
consultus erro, nunc retrorsum
vela dare atque iterare cursus
cogor relictos: namque Diespiter, 5
igni corusco nubila dividens
plerumque, per purum tonantis
egit equos volucremque currum,

XXXII 15 mihi cumque *codd. omnes cum scholiastis*: mihi, cuique
Bentl.: medicumque *Lachmann* XXXIII *om. B*
XXXIV *om. B* 5 relectos *coni. N. Heinsius*

quo bruta tellus et vaga flumina,
 quo Styx et invisi horrida Taenari 10
 sedes Atlanteusque finis
 concutitur. valet ima summis
 mutare et insignem attenuat deus,
 obscura promens; hinc apicem rapax
 fortuna cum stridore acuto 15
 sustulit, hic posuisse gaudet.

XXXV

O DIVA, gratum quae regis Antium,
 praesens vel imo tollere de gradu
 mortale corpus vel superbos
 vertere funeribus triumphos,
 te pauper ambit sollicita prece 5
 ruris colonus, te dominam aequoris
 quicumque Bithyna lacessit
 Carpathium pelagus carina.
 te Dacus asper, te profugi Scythae,
 urbesque gentesque et Latium ferox 10
 regumque matres barbarorum et
 purpurei metuunt tyranni,
 iniurioso ne pede proruas
 stantem columnam, neu populus frequens
 ad arma cessantis, ad arma 15
 concitet imperiumque frangat.
 te semper anteit saeva Necessitas,
 clavos trabalis et cuneos manu
 gestans aena, nec severus
 uncus abest liquidumque plumbum. 20

XXXV 17 saeva $\lambda\iota\delta\phi\psi\pi\iota R^s$, 'dura' gloss. $\phi\psi$: serva $BAaRD\tau L\gamma$,
Acr. Porph. ut nunc leguntur, verum hanc lectionem a scholiis eorum
male intellectis ortam esse putat Keller

te Spes et albo rara Fides colit
 velata panno, nec comitem abnegat,
 utcumque mutata potentis
 veste domos inimica linquis.
 at vulgus infidum et meretrix retro 25
 periura cedit, diffugiunt cadis
 cum faece siccatis amici
 ferre iugum pariter dolosi.
 serves iturum Caesarem in ultimos
 orbis Britannos et iuvenum recens 30
 examen Eois timendum
 partibus Oceanoque rubro.
 eheu, cicatricum et sceleris pudet
 fratrumque. quid nos dura refugimus
 aetas? quid intactum nefasti 35
 liquimus? unde manum iuventus
 metu deorum continuit? quibus
 pepercit aris? o utinam nova
 incude diffingas retusum in
 Massagetis Arabasque ferrum! 40

XXXVI

Et ture et fidibus iuvat
 placare et vituli sanguine debito
 custodes Numidae deos,
 qui nunc Hesperia sospes ab ultima
 caris multa sodalibus, 5
 nulli plura tamen dividit oscula
 quam dulci Lamiae, memor
 actae non alio rege puertiae
 mutataeque simul togae.
 Cressa ne careat pulchra dies nota, 10

39 diffingas *AaRδφDγC Acr.*: defingas *Bψ*: diffindas *π*: diffi-
 gas "

neu promptae modus amphorae,
 neu morem in Salium sit requies pedum,
 neu multi Damalis meri
 Bassum Threicia vincat amystide,
 neu desint epulis rosae
 neu vivax apium neu breve lilium.

15

XXXVII

Nvnc est bibendum, nunc pede libero
 pulsanda tellus, nunc Saliaribus
 ornare pulvinar deorum
 tempus erat dapibus, sodales.
 antehac nefas depromere Caecubum
 cellis avitis, dum Capitolio
 regina dementis ruinas
 funus et imperio parabat
 contaminato cum grege turpium
 morbo virorum; quidlibet impotens
 sperare fortunaque dulci
 ebria. sed minuit furorem
 vix una sospes navis ab ignibus,
 mentemque lymphatam Mareotico
 redegit in veros timores
 Caesar ab Italia volentem
 remis adurgens, accipiter velut
 mollis columbas aut leporem citus
 venator in campis nivalis
 Haemoniae, daret ut catenis

5

10

15

20

fatale monstrum ; quae generosius
 perire quaerens nec muliebriter
 expavit ensem nec latentis
 classe cita reparavit oras ;
 ausa et iacentem visere regiam 25
 vultu sereno, fortis et asperas
 tractare serpentis, ut atrum
 corpore combiberet venenum,
 deliberata morte ferocior,
 saevis Liburnis scilicet invidens 30
 privata deduci superbo
 non humilis mulier triumpho.

XXXVIII

PERSICOS odi, puer, apparatus,
 displicent nexae philyra coronae ;
 mitte sectari, rosa quo locorum
 sera moretur.
 simplici myrto nihil allabores 5
 sedulus curo : neque te ministrum
 dedecet myrtus neque me sub arta
 vite bibentem.

Q. HORATI FLACCI
CARMINVM

LIBER SECVNDVS

I

MOTVM ex Metello consule civicum
bellique causas et vitia et modos

ludumque Fortunae gravisque
principum amicitias et arma

nondum expiatis uncta cruoribus,

5

periculosae plenum opus aleae,

tractas, et incedis per ignis

suppositos cineri doloso.

paulum severae Musa tragoediae

desit theatris: mox ubi publicas

10

res ordinaris, grande munus

Cecropio repetes cothurno,

insigne maestis praesidium reis

et consulenti, Pollio, curiae,

cui laurus aeternos honores

15

Delmatico peperit triumpho.

iam nunc minaci murmure cornuum

perstringis auris, iam litui strepunt,

iam fulgor armorum fugaces

terret equos equitumque vultus.

20

Q. HORATI FLACCI

audire magnos iam videor duces
non indecoro pulvere sordidos,
et cuncta terrarum subacta
praeter atrocem animum Catonis.

Iuno et deorum quisquis amicior
Afris inulta cesserat impotens
tellure victorum nepotes
rettulit inferias Iugurthae.

25

quis non Latino sanguine pinguior
campus sepulcris impia proelia
testatur auditumque Médis

30

Hesperiae sonitum ruinae?
qui gurgēs aut quae flumina lugubris
ignara belli? quod mare Dauniae
non decoloravere caedes?

35

quae caret ora cruore nostro?
sed ne relictis, Musa procax, iocis
Caeae retractes munera neniae,
mecum Dionaeo sub antro
quaere modos leviori plectro.

40

II

NVLLVS argento color est avaris
abdito terris, inimice laminae
Crispe Sallusti, nisi temperato
splendeat usu.

vivet extento Proculius aevo,
notus in fratres animi paterni;
illum aget penna metuentes solvi
Fama superstes.

5

latius regnes avidum domando
spiritum, quam si Libyam remotis 10
Gadibus iungas et uterque Poenus
serviat uni.

crescit indulgens sibi dirus hydrops,
nec sitim pellit, nisi causa morbi
fugerit venis et aquosus albo 15
corpore languor.

redditum Cyri solio Phraaten
dissidens plebi numero beatorum
eximit Virtus, populumque falsis
dedocet uti 20

vocibus, regnum et diadema tutum
deferens uni propriamque laurum,
quisquis ingentis oculo irretorto
spectat acervos.

III

AEQVAM memento rebus in arduis
servare mentem, non secus in bonis
ab insolenti temperatam
laetitia, moriture Delli,
seu maestus omni tempore vixeris, 5
seu te in remoto gramine per dies
festos reclinatum bearis
interiore nota Falerni.

quo pinus ingens albaque populus
umbram hospitem consociare amant 10
ramis? quid obliquo laborat
lympha fugax trepidare rivo?

III 4 Gelli Cruquius, qui 'ad Gellium' carmini in cod. V praescriptum
esse testatur II quid BARλδφψπ Porph. : quod D : quo aluC,
schol. φλγ

Q. HORATI FLACCI

huc vina et unguenta et nimium brevis
flores amoenae ferre iube rosae,
dum res et aetas et sororum
fila trium patiuntur atra.

15

cedes coemptis saltibus et domo
villaque flavus quam Tiberis lavit;
cedes, et exstructis in altum
divitiis potietur heres.

20

divesne prisco natus ab Inacho
nil interest an pauper et infima
de gente sub divo moreris,
victima nil miserantis Orci.

omnes eodem cogimur, omnium
versatur urnā serius ocus
sors exitura et nos in aeternum
exsilium impositura cumbae.

25

IV

NE sit ancillae tibi amor pudori,
Xanthia Phoeu, prius insolentem
serva Briseis niveo colore
movit Achillem;
movit Aiace Telamone natum
forma captivae dominum Tecmessae;
arsit Atrides medio in triumpho
virgine rapta,
barbarae postquam cecidere turmae
Thessalo victore et ademptus Hector
tradidit fessis leviora tolli
Pergama Grai.

5

10

nescias an te generum beati
Phyllidis flavae decorent parentes :
regium certe genus et penatis
maeret iniquos. 15

crede non illam tibi de scelesta
plebe dilectam, neque sic fidelem,
sic lucro aversam potuisse nasci
matre pudenda. 20

bracchia et vultum teretesque suras
integer laudo ; fuge suspicari
cuius octavum trepidavit aetas
claudere lustrum.

V

Circa virentis est animus tuae 5
campos iuvencae, nunc fluviis gravem
solantis aestum, nunc in udo
ludere cum vitulis salicto

praegestientis. tolle cupidinem
immitis uvae : iam tibi lividos 10
distinguet Autumnus racemos
purpureo varius colore.

iam te sequetur : currit enim ferox
aetas et illi quos tibi dempserit
apponet annos ; iam proterva 15
fronte petet Lalage maritum,

dilecta quantum non Pholoe fugax,
 non Chloris albo sic umero nitens
 ut pura nocturno renidet
 luna mari, Cnidiusve Gyges,
 quem si puellarum insereres choro,
 mire sagaces falleret hospites
 discrimen obscurum solutis
 crinibus ambiguoque vultu.

20

VI

SEPTIMI, Gadis aditure mecum et
 Cantabrum indoctum iuga ferre nostra et
 barbaras Syrtis, ubi Maura semper
 aestuat unda,

Tibur Argeo positum colono
 sit meae sedes utinam senectae,
 sit modus lasso maris et viarum
 militiaeque !

5

unde si Parcae prohibent iniquae,
 dulce pellitis ovibus Galaesi
 flumen et regnata petam Laconi
 rura Phalantho.

10

ille terrarum mihi praeter omnis
 angulus ridet, ubi non Hymetto
 mella decedunt viridique certat
 baca Venafro,

15

ver ubi longum tepidasque praebet
 Iuppiter brumas, et amicus Aulon
 fertili Baccho minimum Falernis
 invidet uvis.

20

VI 18 amictus *coni. N. Heinsius* : apricus *Bentl.*
Alφψ Serv. (ad Aen. 3. 553) Bentl.

19 fertilis

ille te mecum locus et beatae
 postulant arces; ibi tu calentem
 debita sparges lacrima favillam
 vatis amici.

VII

O SAEPE mecum tempus in ultimum
 deducte Bruto militiae duce,
 quis te redonavit Quiritem
 dis patriis Italoque caelo,
 Pompei, meorum prime sodalium? 5
 cum quo morantem saepe diem mero
 fregi coronatus nitentis
 malobathro Syrio capillos.
 tecum Philippos et celerem fugam
 sensi relictā non bene parmula, 10
 cum fracta virtus, et minaces
 turpe solum tetigere mento.
 sed me per hostis Mercurius celer
 denso paventem sustulit aere;
 te rursus in bellum resorbens 15
 unda fretis tulit aestuosis.
 ergo obligatam redde Iovi dapem
 longaue fessum militia latus
 depone sub lauru mea, nec
 parce cadis tibi destinatis. 20
 obliuioſo leuia Massico
 ciboria exple; funde capacibus
 unguenta de conchis. quis udo
 deproperare apio coronas

VI 24 '*legitur et vatis Orati*' *Porph.*

VII 19-28 *om. B*

curatve myrto? quem Venus arbitrum
 dicet bibendi? non ego sanius
 bacchabor Edonis: recepto
 dulce mihi furere est amico.

25

VIII

VLLA si iuris tibi peierati
 poena, Barine, nocuisset umquam.
 dente si nigro fieres vel uno
 turpior ungui,
 crederem. sed tu, simul obligasti
 perfidum votis caput, enitescis
 pulchrior multo iuvenumque prodis
 publica cura.

5

expedit matris cineres opertos
 fallere et toto taciturna noctis
 signa cum caelo gelidaque divos
 morte carentis.

10

ridet hoc, inquam, Venus ipsa, rident
 simplices Nymphae, ferus et Cupido,
 semper ardentis acuens sagittas
 cote cruenta.

15

adde quod pubes tibi crescit omnis,
 servitus crescit nova, nec priores
 impiae tectum dominae relinquunt,
 saepe minati.

20

IX

NON semper imbres nubibus hispidos
 manant in agros aut mare Caspium
 vexant inaequales procellae
 usque, nec Armeniis in oris,
 amice Valgi, stat glacies iners 5
 mensis per omnis aut Aquilonibus
 querqueta Gargani laborant
 et foliis viduantur orni :
 tu semper urges flebilibus modis
 Mysten ademptum, nec tibi Vespero 10
 surgente decedunt amores
 nec rapidum fugiente solem.
 at non ter aevo functus amabilem
 ploravit omnis Antilochum senex
 annos, nec impubem parentes 15
 Troilon aut Phrygiae sorores
 flevere semper. desine mollium
 tandem querelarum, et potius nova
 cantemus Augusti tropaea
 Caesaris et rigidum Niphaten, 20
 Medumque flumen gentibus additum
 victis minores volvere vertices,
 intraque praescriptum Gelonos
 exiguis equitare campis.

X

RECTIVS vives, Licini, neque altum
 semper urgendo neque, dum procellas
 cautus horrescis, nimium premendo
 litus iniquum.

auream quisquis mediocritatem
diligat, tutus caret obsoleti
sordibus tecti, caret invidenda
sobrius aula.

5

saepius ventis agitur ingens
pinus et celsae graviore casu
decidunt turres feriuntque summos
fulgura montis.

10

sperat infestis, metuit secundis
alteram sortem bene praeparatum
pectus. informis hiemes reducit
Iuppiter, idem

15

summovet. non, si male nunc, et olim
sic erit: quondam cithara tacentem
suscitat Musam neque semper arcum
tendit Apollo.

20

rebus angustis animosus atque
fortis appare; sapienter idem
contrahes vento nimium secundo
turgida vela.

XI

QVID bellicosus Cantaber et Scythes,
Hirpine Quincti, cogitet Hadria
divisus obiecto, remittas
quaerere, nec trepides in usum
poscentis aevi pauca: fugit retro
levis iuventus et decor, arida
pellente lascivos amores
canitie facilemque somnum.

5

non semper idem floribus est honor
vernīs, neque uno Luna rubens nitet
vultu: quid aeternis minorem
consiliis animum fatigas?

10

cur non sub alta vel platano vel hac
 pinu iacentes sic temere et rosa
 canos odorati capillos, 15
 dum licet, Assyriaque nardo
 potamus uncti? dissipat Euhius
 curas edaces. quis puer ocius
 restinguet ardentis Falerni
 pocula praetereunte lympa? 20
 quis devium scortum eliciet domo
 Lyden? eburna dic age cum lyra
 maturet in comptum Lacaenae
 more comas religata nodum.

XII

NOLIS longa ferae bella Numantiae
 nec durum Hannibalem nec Siculum mare
 Poeno purpureum sanguine mollibus
 aptari citharae modis,
 nec saevos Lapithas et nimium mero 5
 Hylaeum domitosque Herculea manu
 Telluris iuvenes, unde periculum
 fulgens contremuit domus
 Saturni veteris; tuque pedestribus
 dices historiis proelia Caesaris, 10
 Maecenas, melius ductaque per vias
 regum colla minacium.
 me dulces dominae Musa Licymniae
 cantus, me voluit dicere lucidum
 fulgentis oculos et bene mutuis 15
 fidum pectus amoribus,

XI 23 in comptum *BAVL*: in comptum *codd. plerique*: in comptam
 cum uno *cod. Bentr.* 24 comam *δφψπυ Bentr.* nodo *Bentr.*

XII 2 dirum *Cruquii codex unus*

quam nec ferre pedem dedecuit choris
 nec certare ioco nec dare bracchia
 ludentem nitidis virginibus sacro

Dianae celebris die.

20

num tu quae tenuit dives Achaemenes
 aut pinguis Phrygiae Mygdonias opes
 permutare velis crine Licymniae,

plenas aut Arabum domos,

cum flagrantia detorquet ad oscula

25

cervicem aut facili saevitia negat,

quae poscente magis gaudeat eripi,

interdum rapere occupet?

XIII

ILLE et nefasto te posuit die

quicumque primum, et sacrilega manu

produxit, arbos, in nepotum

perniciem opprobriumque pagi;

illum et parentis crediderim sui

5

fregisse cervicem et penetralia

sparsisse nocturno cruore

hospitis; ille venena Colcha

et quidquid usquam concipitur nefas

tractavit, agro qui statuit meo

10

te triste lignum, te caducum

in domini caput immerentis.

quid quisque vitet numquam homini satis

cautum est in horas: navita Bosphorum

Poenus perhorrescit neque ultra

15

caeca timet aliunde fata;

28 occupet *codd. fere omnes Porph.*: occupat $\delta\pi R^s$ *Bentl.*

XIII 8 Colchica $\iota\psi\psi\eta\eta$ *Porph.*

15 Thynus *coni. Lachmann*

CARMINVM LIBER II

miles sagittas et celerem fugam
 Parthi, catenas Parthus et Italum
 robur; sed improvisa leti
 vis rapuit rapietque gentis. 20

quam paene furvae regna Proserpinae
 et iudicantem vidimus Aeacum
 sedesque discriptas piorum et
 Aeoliis fidibus querentem

Sappho puellis de popularibus, 25
 et te sonantem plenius aureo,
 Alcaee, plectro dura navis,
 dura fugae mala, dura belli!

utrumque sacro digna silentio
 mirantur umbrae dicere; sed magis 30
 pugnas et exactos tyrannos
 densum umeris bibit aure vulgus.

quid mirum, ubi illis carminibus stupens
 demittit atras belua centiceps
 auris et intorti capillis 35
 Eumenidum recreantur angues?

quin et Prometheus et Pelopis parens
 dulci laborem decipitur sono,
 nec curat Orion leones
 aut timidos agitare lyncas. 40

XIV

EHEV fugaces, Postume, Postume,
 labuntur anni nec pietas moram
 rugis et instanti senectae
 adferet indomitaeque morti:

23 discriptas *BAA*: descriptas *RπιντγC*: discretas *λψLR*^s
 38 laborem *BAA**RψπινD* *Porph.*: laborum *VλψLR*^s*γC* *Acr.*

Q. HORATI FLACCI

non si trecenis quotquot eunt dies,	5
amice, places illacrimabilem	
Plutona tauris, qui ter amplum	
Geryonen Tityonque tristi	
compescit unda, scilicet omnibus,	
quicumque terrae munere vescimur,	10
enaviganda, sive reges	
sive inopes erimus coloni.	
frustra cruento Marte carebimus	
fractisque rauci fluctibus Hadriae,	
frustra per autumnos nocentem	15
corporibus metuemus Austrum :	
visendus ater flumine languido	
Cocytos errans et Danai genus	
infame damnatusque longi	
Sisyphus Aeolides laboris :	20
linquenda tellus et domus et placens	
uxor, neque harum quas colis arborum	
te praeter invisas cupressos	
ulla brevem dominum sequetur :	
absumet heres Caecuba dignior	25
servata centum clavibus et mero	
tinget pavementum superbo,	
pontificum potiore cenis.	

XV

IAM pauca aratro iugera regiae
 moles relinquent, undique latius
 extenta visentur Lucrino
 stagna lacu, platanusque caelebs

XIV 5 si trecenis π^2 : sit recens π^1 : si trecentis $\lambda\nu\sigma$: si tricenis *celt.*

CARMINVM LIBER II

evincet ulmōs ; tum violaria et	5
myrtus et omnis copia narium	
spargent olivetis odorem	
fertilibus domino priori ;	
tum spissa ramis laurea fervidos	
excludet ictus. non ita Romuli	10
praescriptum et intonsi Catonis	
auspiciis veterumque norma.	
privatus illis census erat brevis,	
commune magnum : nulla decempedis	
metata privatis opacam	15
porticus excipiebat Arcton,	
nec fortuitum spernere caespitem	
leges sinebant, oppida publico	
sumptu iubentes et deorum	
templa novo decorare saxo.	20

XVI

OTIVM divos rogat in patenti	
prensus Aegaeo, simul atra nubes	
condidit lunam neque certa fulgent	
sidera nautis ;	
otium bello furiosa Thrace,	5
otium Medi pharetra decori,	
Grosophe, non gemmis neque purpura ve-	
nale neque auro.	
non enim gazae neque consularis	
summovet lictor miseros tumultus	10
mentis et curas laqueata circum	
tectata volantis.	
vivitur parvo bene, cui paternum	
splendet in mensa tenui salinum	
nec levis somnos timor aut cupido	15
sordidus aufert.	

quid brevi fortes iaculamur aevo
 multa? quid terras alio calentis
 sole mutamus? patriae quis exsul
 se quoque fugit?

20

scandit aeratas vitiosa navis
 Cura nec turmas equitum relinquit,
 ocior cervis et agente nimbos
 ocior Euro.

laetus in praesens animus quod ultra est
 oderit curare et amara lento
 temperet risu; nihil est ab omni
 parte beatum.

25

abstulit clarum cita mors Achillem,
 longa Tithonum minuit senectus,
 et mihi forsán, tibi quod negarit,
 porriget hora.

30

te greges centum Siculaeque circum
 mugiunt vaccae, tibi tollit hinnitum
 apta quadrigis equa, te bis Afro
 murice tinctae

35

vestiunt lanae: mihi parva rura et
 spiritum Graiae tenuem Camenae
 Parca non mendax dedit et malignum
 spernere vulgus.

40

XVII

CVR me querelis exanimas tuis?
 nec dis amicum est nec mihi te prius
 obire, Maecenas, mearum
 grande decus columenque rerum.
 a! te meae si partem animae rapit
 maturior vis, quid moror altera,
 nec carus aequae nec superstes
 integer? ille dies utramque

5

ducet ruinam. non ego perfidum
 dixi sacramentum : ibimus, ibimus, 10
 utcumque praecedes, supremum
 carpere iter comites parati.
 me nec Chimaerae spiritus igneae
 nec, si resurgat, centimanus Gyas
 divellet umquam : sic potenti 15
 Iustitiae placitumque Parcis.
 seu Libra seu me Scorpios aspicit
 formidulosus, pars violentior
 natalis horae, seu tyrannus
 Hesperiae Capricornus undae, 20
 utrumque nostrum incredibili modo
 consentit astrum : te Iovis impio
 tutela Saturno refulgens
 eripuit volucrisque Fati
 tardavit alas, cum populus frequens 25
 laetum theatri ter crepuit sonum :
 me truncus illapsus cerebro
 sustulerat, nisi Faunus ictum
 dextra levasset, Mercurialium
 custos virorum. reddere victimas 30
 aedemque votivam memento :
 nos humilem feriemus agnam.

XVIII

NON ebur neque aureum
 mea renidet in domo lacunar,
 non trabes Hymettiae
 premunt columnas ultima recisas

XVII 14 Gyas *Lambinus* : gigas *vel* gygas *codd.* *Vid. ad iii. 4. 69*
 19 letalis (loetalis) δφψπ

Africa, neque Attali	5
ignotus heres regiam occupavi,	
nec Laconicas mihi	
trahunt honestae purpuras clientae :	
at fides et ingeni	
benigna vena est, pauperemque dives	10
me petit : nihil supra	
deos lacesso nec potentem amicum	
largiora flagito,	
satis beatus unicus Sabinis.	
truditur dies die,	15
novaeque pergunt interire lunae :	
tu secanda marmora	
locas sub ipsum funus et sepulcri	
immemor struis domos	
marisque Bais obstrepentis urges	20
summovere litora,	
parum locuples continente ripa.	
quid quod usque proximos	
revellis agri terminos et ultra	
limites clientium	25
salis avarus? pellitur paternos	
in sinu ferens deos	
et uxor et vir sordidosque natos.	
nulla certior tamen	
rapacis Orci fine destinata	30
aula divitem manet	
erum. quid ultra tendis? aequa tellus	
pauperi recluditur	
regumque pueris, nec satelles Orci	
callidum Promethea	35
revexit auro captus. hic superbum	

XVIII 36 revexit *BAaRl D*, 'reduxit' gloss. γ: revinxit πu, 'resolvit' gloss. *D*: revixit δψγ

Tantalum atque Tantali
genus coerces, hic levare functum
pauperem laboribus
vocatus atque non vocatus audit. 40

XIX

BACCHVM in remotis carmina rupibus
vidi docentem—credite posteri—
Nymphasque discentis et auris
capripedum Satyrorum acutas.
Euhoe, recenti mens trepidat metu 5
plenoque Bacchi pectore turbidum
laetatur: Euhoe, parce Liber,
parce gravi metuende thyrsos!
fas pervicaces est mihi Thyiadas
vinique fontem lactis et uberes 10
cantare rivos atque truncis
lapsa cavis iterare mella:
fas et beatae coniugis additum
stellis honorem tectaque Penthei
disiecta non leni ruina 15
Thracis et exitium Lycurgi.
tu flectis amnis, tu mare barbarum,
tu separatis uvidus in iugis
nodo coerces viperino
Bistonidum sine fraude crinis: 20
tu, cum parentis regna per arduum
cohors Gigantum scanderet impia,
Rhoetum retorsisti leonis
unguibus horribilique mala;
quamquam choreis aptior et iocis 25
ludoque dictus non sat idoneus
pugnae ferebaris: sed idem
pacis eras mediusque belli.

te vidit insons Cerberus aureo
cornu decorum leniter atterens
caudam et recedentis trilingui
ore pedes tetigitque crura.

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XX

NON usitata nec tenui ferar
penna biformis per liquidum aethera
vates, neque in terris morabor
longius, invidiaque maior
urbis relinquam. non ego pauperum
sanguis parentum, non ego quem vocas,
dilecte Maecenas, obibo
nec Stygia cohibebor unda.
iam iam residunt cruribus asperae
pelles, et album mutor in alitem
superne, nascunturque leves
per digitos umerosque plumae.
iam Daedaleo notior Icaro
visam gementis litora Bosphori
Syrtsique Gaetulas canorus
ales Hyperboreosque campos.
me Colchus et qui dissimulat metum
Marsae cohortis Dacus et ultimi
noscent Geloni, me peritus
discet Hiber Rhodanique potor.
absint inani funere neniae
luctusque turpes et querimoniae;
compesce clamorem ac sepulcri
mitte supervacuos honores.

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XX 6 vocant *coni. Bentr.* : quem vocas 'dilecte,' Maecenas, *interpunxerunt Munro al.*
13 notior *BAaRlv* (nocior *AD*) : ocior
δφψLR^sC : tutior *Bentr.*

Q. HORATI FLACCI

CARMINVM

LIBER TERTIVS

I

ODI profanum vulgus et arceo ;
favete linguis : carmina non prius
audita Musarum sacerdos
 virginibus puerisque canto.
regum timendorum in proprios greges, 5
reges in ipsos imperium est Iovis,
 clari Giganteo triumpho,
 cuncta supercilio moventis.
est ut viro vir latius ordinet
arbusta sulcis, hic generosior 10
 descendat in Campum petitor,
 moribus hic meliorque fama
contendat, illi turba clientium
sit maior : aequa lege Necessitas
 sortitur insignis et imos ; 15
 omne capax movet urna nomen.
destrictus ensis cui super impia
cervice pendet, non Sicalae dapes
 dulcem elaborabunt saporem,
 non avium citharaeque cantus 20
somnum reducent : somnus agrestium
lenis virorum non humilis domos
 fastidit umbrosamque ripam,
 non Zephyris agitata Tempe.

desiderantem quod satis est neque	25
tumultuosum sollicitat mare	
nec saevus Arcturi cadentis	
impetus aut orientis Haedi,	
non verberatae grandine vineae	
fundusque mendax, arbore nunc aquas	30
culpante, nunc torrentia agros	
sidera, nunc hiemes iniquas.	
contracta pisces aequora sentiunt	
iactis in altum molibus ; huc frequens	
caementa demittit redemptor	35
cum famulis dominusque terrae	
fastidiosus : sed Timor et Minae	
scandunt eodem quo dominus, neque	
decedit aerata triremi et	
post equitem sedet atra Cura.	40
quodsi dolentem nec Phrygius lapis	
nec purpurarum sidere clarior	
delenit usus nec Falerna	
vitis Achaemeniumque costum,	
cur invidendis postibus et novo	45
sublime ritu moliar atrium ?	
cur valle permutem Sabina	
divitias operosiores ?	

II

ANGVSTAM amice pauperiem pati
robustus acri militia puer
 condiscat et Parthos feroces
 vexet eques metuendus hasta
vitamque sub divo et trepidis agat
in rebus. illum ex moenibus hosticis
 matrona bellantis tyranni
 prospiciens et adulta virgo

CARMINVM LIBER III

suspiret, eheu, ne rudis agminum
sponsus lacesat regius asperum 10
tactu leonem, quem cruenta
per medias rapit ira caedis.

dulce et decorum est pro patria mori:
mors et fugacem persequitur virum,
nec parcit imbellis iuventae 15
poplitibus timidove tergo.

Virtus repulsae nescia sordidae
intaminatis fulget honoribus,
nec sumit aut ponit securis
arbitrio popularis aurae. 20

Virtus, recludens immeritis mori
caelum, negatā temptat iter viā,
coetusque vulgaris et udam
spernit humum fugiente penna.

est et fideli tuta silentio 25
merces: vetabo, qui Cereris sacrum
vulgarit arcanae, sub isdem
sit trabibus fragilemque mecum

solvat phaselon: saepe Diespiter
neglectus incesto addidit integrum: 30
raro antecedentem scelestum
deseruit pede Poena claudo.

III

IVSTVM et tenacem propositi virum
non civium ardor prava iubentium,
non vultus instantis tyranni
mente quatit solida neque Auster,

16 ve B A a D v γ : que R δ φ ψ π u

17-32 om. B

III carmen om. B, antecedenti continuant VAR: 'manifeste cohae-
rent' Porph.

Q. HORATI FLACCI

dux inquieti turbidus Hadriae, 5
 nec fulminantis magna manus Iovis :
 si fractus illabatur orbis,
 + impavidum ferient ruinae.
 hac arte Pollux et vagus Hercules
 enisus arces attigit igneas,
 quos inter Augustus recumbens
 purpureo bibet ore nectar.
 hac te merentem, Bacche pater, tuae
 vexere tigres indocili iugum
 collo trahentes ; hac Quirinus 10
 Martis equis Acheronta fugit,
 gratum elocuta consiliantibus
 Iunone divis : ' Ilion, Ilion
 fatalis incestusque iudex
 et mulier peregrina vertit
 in pulverem, ex quo destituit deos
 mercede pacta Laomedon, mihi
 castaeque damnatum Minervae
 cum populo et duce fraudulento.
 iam nec Lacaenae splendet adulterae 25
 famosus hospes nec Priami domus
 periura pugnaces Achivos
 Hectoreis opibus refringit,
 nostrisque ductum seditionibus
 bellum resedit. protinus et gravis 30
 iras et invisum nepotem,
 Troica quem peperit sacerdos,
 Marti redonabo ; illum ego lucidas
 inire sedes, ducere nectaris
 sucos et adscribi quietis 35
 ordinibus patiar deorum.

12 bibet *AaRxlur Acr.* : bibit $\delta\phi\psi\pi R^s C$
 discere *R\delta\phi\psi\pi\iota R^s\gamma C Porph.*

34 ducere *Aa\iota Acr.* :

dum longus inter saeviat Ilion
 Romanque pontus, qualibet exsules
 in parte regnanto beati;
 dum Priami Paridisque busto 40
 insultet armentum et catulos ferae
 celent inultae, stet Capitolium
 fulgens triumphatisque possit
 Roma ferox dare iura Medis.
 horrenda late nomen in ultimas 45
 extendat oras, qua medius liquor
 secernit Europen ab Afro,
 qua tumidus rigat arva Nilus,
 aurum irrepertum et sic melius situm,
 cum terra celat, spernere fortior 50
 quam cogere humanos in usus
 omne sacrum rapiente dextra.
 quicumque mundo terminus obstitit,
 hunc tanget armis, visere gestiens,
 qua parte debacchentur ignes, 55
 qua nebulae pluuique rores.
 sed bellicosus fata Quiritibus
 hac lege dico, ne nimium pii
 rebusque fidentes avitae
 tecta velint reparare Troiae. 60
 Troiae renascens alite lugubri
 fortuna tristi clade iterabitur,
 ducente victrices catervas
 coniuge me Iovis et sorore.
 ter si resurgat murus aeneus 65
 auctore Phoebo, ter pereat meis
 excisus Argivis, ter uxor
 capta virum puerosque ploret.'

non hoc iocosae conveniet lyrae :
 quo, Musa, tendis? desine pervicax
 referre sermones deorum et
 magna modis tenuare parvis.

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IV

DESCENDE caelo et dic age tibia
 regina longum Calliope melos,
 seu voce nunc mavis acuta,
 seu fidibus citharave Phoebi.
 auditis an me ludit amabilis
 insania? audire et videor pios
 errare per lucos, amoenae
 quos et aquae subeunt et aerae.
 me fabulosae Vulture in Apulo
 nutricis extra limen Apuliae
 ludo fatigatumque somno
 fronde nova puerum palumbes
 texere, mirum quod foret omnibus,
 quicumque celsae nidum Acherontiae
 saltusque Bantinos et arvum
 pingue tenent humilis Forenti,
 ut tuto ab atris corpore viperis
 dormirem et ursis, ut premerer sacra
 lauroque collataque myrto,
 non sine dis animosus infans.
 vester, Camenae, vester in arduos
 tollor Sabinos, seu mihi frigidum
 Praeneste seu Tibur supinum
 seu liquidae placuere Baiae.

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IV 4 *ve codd. plerique* : que δ *Bentl.* 10 *altricis* δL limen
 Apuliae *vulg. Acr. Porph.* : limina Pulliae *BAAr, schol. γ , unde alii*
alia coniecerunt 17-20 *om. B*

vestris amicum fontibus et choris 25
 non me Philippis versa acies retro,
 devota non exstinxit arbos,
 nec Sicala Palinurus unda.
 utcumque mecum vos eritis, libens
 insanientem navita Bosphorum 30
 temptabo et urentis harenas
 litoris Assyrii viator,
 visam Britannos hospitibus feros
 et laetum equino sanguine Concanum,
 visam pharetratos Gelonos 35
 et Scythicum inviolatus amnem.
 vos Caesarem altum, militia simul
 fessas cohortis abdidit oppidis,
 finire quaerentem labores
 Pierio recreatis antro. 40
 vos lene consilium et datis et dato
 gaudetis almae. scimus ut impios
 Titanas immanemque turmam
 fulmine sustulerit caduco,
 qui terram inertem, qui mare temperat 45
 ventosum, et urbes regnaque tristia
 divosque mortalisque turbas
 imperio regit unus aequo.
 magnum illa terrorem intulerat Iovi
 fidens iuventus horrida bracchiis 50
 fratresque tendentes opaco
 Pelion imposuisse Olympo.
 sed quid Typhoeus et validus Mimas,
 aut quid minaci Porphyryon statu,
 quid Rhoetus evulsisque truncis 55
 Enceladus iaculator audax

38 abdidit *AaRllvτLγC Acr.* : addidit *Bφψu* : reddidit *σ 'unus Bland.' Benth.*
 43 turmam *δφψπ* : turbam *AaRlLuvτγC* 47
 turbas *RuvτγC* : turmas *AaλδφψπR^s*

Q. HORATI FLACCI

contra sonantem Palladis aegida possent ruentes? hinc avidus stetit Vulcanus, hinc matrona Iuno et numquam umeris positurus arcum,	60
qui rore puro Castaliae lavit crinis solutos, qui Lyciae tenet dumeta natalemque silvam, Delius et Patareus Apollo.	
vis consili expers mole ruit sua: vim temperatam di quoque provehunt in maius; idem odere viris omne nefas animo moventis.	65
testis mearum centimanus Gyas sententiarum, notus et integrae temptator Orion Dianae, virginea domitus sagitta.	70
iniecta monstribus Terra dolet suis maeretque partus fulmine luridum missos ad Orcum; nec peredit impositam celer ignis Aetnen,	75
incontinentis nec Tityi iecur reliquit ales, nequitiae additus custos; amatorem trecentae Pirithoum cohibent catenae.	80

V

CAELO tonantem credidimus Iovem
regmare: praesens divus habebitur
Augustus adiectis Britannis
imperio gravibusque Persis.

milesne Crassi coniuge barbara 5
 turpis maritus vixit et hostium—
 pro curia inversique mores!—
 consenuit socerorum in armis
 sub rege Medo Marsus et Apulus,
 anciliorum et nominis et togae 10
 oblitus aeternaeque Vestae,
 incolumi Iove et urbe Roma?
 hoc caverat mens provida Reguli
 dissentientis condicionibus
 foedis et exemplo trahentis 15
 perniciem veniens in aevum,
 si non periret immiserabilis
 captiva pubes. ‘signa ego Punicis
 adfixa delubris et arma
 militibus sine caede’ dixit 20
 ‘derepta vidi; vidi ego civium
 retorta tergo bracchia libero
 portasque non clausas et arva
 Marte coli populata nostro.
 auro repensus scilicet acrior 25
 miles redibit. flagitio additis
 damnum: neque amissos colores
 lana refert medicata fuco,
 nec vera virtus, cum semel excidit,
 curat reponi deterioribus. 30
 si pugnat extricata densis
 cerva plagis, erit ille fortis

V 10 anciliorum et *Rδφψπ* Charisius: et om. *BAαλινιγC* Cledonius
 15 exemplo trahentis *codd. Acr. Porph.*: exempli *Bentl.*: trahenti
comm. Cruq. Canter 17 periret *codd.*: alii alia coni. perirent
Glareanus: perires *Lachmann* 21 derepta *R*: direpta *cett.*
Vid. ad i. 9. 23

qui perfidis se credidit hostibus,
 et Marte Poenos proteret altero,
 qui lora restrictis lacertis 35
 sensit iners timuitque mortem.
 hic, unde vitam sumeret inscius,
 pacem duello miscuit. o pudor!
 o magna Carthago, probrosis
 altior Italiae ruinis! 40
 fertur pudicae coniugis osculum
 parvosque natos ut capitis minor
 ab se removisse et virilem
 torvus humi posuisse vultum,
 donec labantis consilio patres 45
 firmaret auctor numquam alias dato,
 interque maerentis amicos
 egregius properaret exsul.
 atqui sciebat quae sibi barbarus
 tortor pararet; non aliter tamen 50
 dimovit obstantis propinquos
 et populum reditus morantem
 quam si clientum longa negotia
 diiudicata lite relinqueret,
 tendens Venafranos in agros 55
 aut Lacedaemonium Tarentum.

37. 38 *ut dedimus codd. plerique, Acr.: aptius pro inscius duL, unde Bentl. cetera coniectura nactus* mortem hinc unde vitam sumeret aptius, pacem et duello miscuit 51 propinquos] amicos δφψπυ

VI

DELICTA maiorum immeritus lues,
 Romane, donec templa refeceris
 aedesque labentis deorum et
 foeda nigro simulacra fumo.
 dis te minorem quod geris, imperas : 5
 hinc omne principium, huc refer exitum :
 di multa neglecti dederunt
 Hesperiae mala luctuosae.
 iam bis Monaeses et Pacori manus
 non auspicatos contudit impetus 10
 nostros et adiecisse praedam
 torquibus exiguis renidet.
 paene occupatam seditionibus
 delevit urbem Dacus et Aethiops,
 hic classe formidatus, ille 15
 missilibus melior sagittis.
 fecunda culpa saecula nuptias
 primum inquinavere et genus et domos ;
 hoc fonte derivata clades
 in patriam populumque fluxit. 20
 non his iuventus orta parentibus
 infecit aequor sanguine Punico,
 Pyrrhumque et ingentem cecidit 35
 Antiochum Hannibalemque dirum,

VI 10 non auspicatos *vulg.* Priscianus : inauspicatos ΒΑαλλυ 11-
 13, 15-48 *om.* B 36 dirum *codd. plerique Quintilianus* : durum φψ.
Vid. ad ii. 12. 2

sed rusticorum mascula militum
 proles, Sabellis docta ligonibus
 versare glebas et severae
 matris ad arbitrium recisos
 portare fustis, sol ubi montium
 mutaret umbras et iuga demeret
 bobus fatigatis, amicum
 tempus agens abeunte curru.
 damnosa quid non imminuit dies?
 aetas parentum peior avis tulit
 nos nequiores, mox daturos
 progeniem vitiosiore.

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VII

QVID fles, Asterie, quem tibi candidi
 primo restituent vere Favonii
 Thyna merce beatum,
 constantis iuvenem fide
 Gygen? ille Notis actus ad Oricum
 post insana Caprae sidera frigidas
 noctes non sine multis
 insomnis lacrimis agit.
 atqui sollicitae nuntius hospitae,
 suspirare Chloen et miseram tuis
 dicens ignibus uri,
 temptat mille vafer modis.
 ut Proetum mulier perfida credulum
 falsis impulerit criminibus nimis
 casto Bellerophontae
 maturare necem refert:

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VII 4 fide *cum Lambini et Cruquii codicibus Bentl.* : fidei *codd. plerique, schol. γ, Victorinus*

CARMINVM LIBER III

narrat paene datum Pelea Tartaro,
 Magnessam Hippolyten dum fugit abstinens;
 et peccare docentis
 fallax historias monet. 20

frustra: nam scopulis surdior Icari
 voces audit adhuc integer. at tibi
 ne vicinus Enipeus
 plus iusto placeat cave;
 quamvis non alius flectere equum sciens 25
 aequae conspicitur gramine Martio,
 nec quisquam citus aequae
 Tusco denatat alveo.

prima nocte domum claude neque in vias
 sub cantu querulae despice tibiae, 30
 et te saepe vocanti
 duram difficilis mane.

VIII

MARTIIS caelebs quid agam Kalendis,
 quid velint flores et acerra turis
 plena miraris positusque carbo in
 caespite vivo,
 docte sermones utriusque linguae? 5
 voveram dulcis epulas et album
 Libero caprum prope funeratus
 arboris ictu.

hic dies anno redeunte festus
 corticem adstrictum pice dimovebit 10
 amphorae fumum bibere institutae
 consule Tullo.

20 movet *ιψγ Bentl.*
 VIII 3 in *om. BAaall*

30 cantum *Rδπν*
 10 demovebit *R*

Q. HORATI FLACCI

sume, Maecenas, cyathos amici
sospitis centum et vigiles lucernas
perfer in lucem: procul omnis esto
clamor et ira. 15

mitte civilis super urbe curas:
occidit Daci Cotisonis agmen,
Medus infestus sibi luctuosis
dissidet armis, 20

servit Hispanae vetus hostis orae
Cantaber sera domitus catena,
iam Scythae laxo meditantur arcu
cedere campis.

neglegens ne qua populus laboret
parce privatus nimium cavere et
dona praesentis cape laetus horae:
linque severa. 25

IX

DONEC gratus eram tibi
nec quisquam potior bracchia candidae
cervici iuvenis dabat,
Persarum vigui rege beatior.

‘donec non alia magis
arsisti neque erat Lydia post Chloen,
multi Lydia nominis
Romana vigui clarior Ilia.’ 5

me nunc Thraessa Chloe regit,
dulcis docta modos et citharae sciens,
pro qua non metuam mori,
si parcent animae fata superstiti. 10

14 sospitis *codd. plerique, schol. ad cod. γ*: hospitis *alδ*
7L 27 rape *φψ* *post horae add. ac Aa et Benth.*

15 profer

'me torret face mutua
 Thurini Calais filius Ornyti,
 pro quo bis patiar mori, 15
 si parcent puero fata superstiti.'
 quid si prisca redit Venus
 diductosque iugo cogit aeneo,
 si flava excutitur Chloe
 reiectaeque patet ianua Lydiae? 20
 'quamquam sidere pulchrior
 ille est, tu levior cortice et improbo
 iracundior Hadria,
 tecum vivere amem, tecum obeam libens.'

X

EXTREMVM Tanain si biberes, Lyce,
 saevo nupta viro, me tamen asperas
 porrectum ante foris obicere incolis
 plorares Aquilonibus.
 audis quo strepitu ianua, quo nemus 5
 inter pulchra satum tecta remugiat
 ventis, et positas ut glaciet nives
 puro numine Iuppiter?
 ingratam Veneri pone superbiam,
 ne currente retro funis eat rota. 10
 non te Penelopen difficilem procis
 Tyrrhenus genuit parens.
 o quamvis neque te munera nec preces
 nec tinctus viola pallor amantium
 nec vir Pieria paelice saucius 15
 curvat, supplicibus tuis
 parcas, nec rigida mollior aesculo
 nec Mauris animum mitior anguib.
 non hoc semper erit liminis aut aquae
 caelestis patiens latus. 20

XI

MERCURI—nam te docilis magistro
 movit Amphion lapides canendo—
 tuque testudo resonare septem
callida nervis,

nec loquax olim neque grata, nunc et
 divitum mensis et amica templis,
 dic modos, Lyde quibus obstinatas
 applicet auris,

quae velut latis equa trima campis
 ludit exsultim metuitque tangi,
 nuptiarum expers et adhuc protervo
 cruda marito.

tu potes tigris comitesque silvas
 ducere et rivos celeris morari;
 cessit immanis tibi blandienti
ianitor aulae,

Cerberus, quamvis furiale centum
 muniant angues caput eius atque
 spiritus taeter saniesque manet
ore trilingui.

quin et Ixion Tityosque vultu
 risit invito, stetit urna paulum
 sicca, dum grato Danaï puellas
carmine mulces.

audiat Lyde scelus atque notas
 virginum poenas et inane lymphae
dolium (fundo) pereuntis (imo,) seraque fata,

XI 17-20 *Hos versus tamquam subditicios notant Haupt Kiessling al.*
 18 eius atque] exeatque coni. Bentl.

quae manent culpas etiam sub Orco.
 impiae—nam quid potuere maius?— 30
 impiae sponso potuere duro
 perdere ferro.
 una de multis face nuptiali
 digna periurum fuit in parentem
 splendide mendax et in omne virgo 35
 nobilis aevum,
 ‘surge,’ quae dixit iuveni marito,
 ‘surge, ne longus tibi somnus, unde
 non times, detur; socerum et scelestas
 falle sorores, 40
 quae velut nactae vitulos leaenae
 singulos eheu lacerant: ego illis
 mollior nec te feriam neque intra
 claustra tenebo.
 me pater saevis oneret catenis, 45
 quod viro clemens misero peperci:
 me vel extremos Numidarum in agros
 classe releget.
 i pedes quo te rapiunt et aerae,
 dum favet nox et Venus, i secundo 50
 omine et nostri memorem sepulcro
 scalpae querelam.’

XII

MISERARVM est neque amor dare ludum neque dulci
 mala vino lavere, aut exanimari metuentis
 patruae verbera linguae.
 tibi qualum Cythereae puer ales, tibi telas
 operosaeque Minervae studium aufert, Neobule, 5
 Liparaei nitor Hebri,
 simul unctos Tiberinis umeros lavit in undis,
 eques ipso melior Bellerophonte, neque pugno
 neque segni pede victus:

catus idem per apertum fugientis agitato 10
grege cervos iaculari et celer arto latitantem
fruticeto excipere aprum.

XIII

O FONS Bandusiae splendidior vitro
dulci digne mero non sine floribus,
cras donaberis haedo,
cui frons turgida cornibus
primis et venerem et proelia destinat ; 5
frustra : nam gelidos inficiet tibi
rubro sanguine rivos
lascivi suboles gregis.
te flagrantis atrox hora Caniculae
nescit tangere, tu frigus amabile 10
fessis vomere tauris
praebes et pecori vago.
fies nobilium tu quoque fontium,
me dicente cavis impositam ilicem
saxis, unde loquaces 15
lympphae desiliunt tuae.

XIV

HERCVLIS ritu modo dictus, o plebs,
morte venalem petiisse laurum
Caesar Hispana repetit penatis
victor ab ora.
unico gaudens mulier marito 5
prodeat iustis operata divis,
et soror clari ducis et decorae
supplice vitta

XII 11 arto *VRλδφψ*, *schol. ad codd.* λφ : alto *BAaγLR^sγC*

XIII 1 Bandusiae *vulg. Acr. Porph.* : Blandusiae *aRλγ Diomedes*

XIV 6 divis *RδφψπLγC Acr. Porph.* : sacris *BAαλπR^s*, *schol.* λφ
γ cari *Rδφψπ* : clari *cett.*, *schol.* γ

virginum matres iuvenumque nuper
sospitum. vos, o pueri et puellae 10
iam virum expertae, male ominatis
parcite verbis.

hic dies vere mihi festus atras
eximet curas ; ego nec tumultum
nec mori per vim metuam tenente 15
Caesare terras.

i pete unguentum, puer, et coronas
et cadum Marsi memorem duelli,
Spartacum si qua potuit vagantem
fallere testa. 20

dic et argutae properet Neerae
murream nodo cohibere crinem ;
si per invisum mora ianitorem
fiet, abito.

lenit albescens animos capillus 25
litium et rixae cupidos protervae ;
non ego hoc ferrem calidus iuventa
consule Planco.

XV

Vxor pauperis Ibyci,
tandem nequitiae fige modum tuae
famosisque laboribus :
maturo propior desine funeri
inter ludere virgines 5
et stellis nebulam spargere candidis.
non, si quid Pholoen satis,
et te, Chlora, decet : filia rectius

11 ominatis *VLR*³ *γC*, interpretari videntur *Acr. Porph.* : nominatis *B* et cett. cod. : inominatis *Bentl.* 14 exigit *B* : exigit *π*¹
Priscianus

XV 2 pone *RvtC*

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expugnat iuvenum domos,
 pulso Thyias uti concita tympano. 10
 illam cogit amor Nothi
 lascivae similem ludere capreae :
 te lanae prope nobilem
 tonsae Luceriam, non citharae decent
 nec flos purpureus rosae 15
 nec poti vetulam faece tenus cadi.

XVI

INCLVSAM Danaen turris aenea
 robustaeque fores et vigilum canum
 tristes excubiae munierant satis
 nocturnis ab adulteris,
 si non Acrisium virginis abditae 5
 custodem pavidum Iuppiter et Venus
 risissent : fore enim tutum iter et patens
 converso in pretium deo.
 aurum per medios ire satellites
 et perrumpere amat saxa potentius 10
 ictu fulmineo : concidit auguris
 Argivi domus ob lucrum
 demersa exitio : diffidit urbium
 portas vir Macedo et subruit aemulos
 reges muneribus ; munera navium 15
 saevos illaqueant duces.
 crescentem sequitur cura pecuniam
 maiorumque fames. iure perhorru
 late conspicuum tollere verticem,
 Maecenas, equitum decus. 20

XV 16 vetulam *RuLR*^s *comm. Cruq.*, *Porph. in prima parte scholii* :
 vetula *cett. codd.*, *Porph. in altera parte*

XVI 7-27 *om. B*

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quanto quisque sibi plura negaverit,
 ab dis plura feret : nil cupientium
 nudus castra peto et transfuga divitum
 partis linquere gestio,
 contemptae dominus splendidior rei 25
 quam si quidquid arat impiger Apulus
 occultare meis dicerer horreis,
 magnas inter opes inops.
 purae rivus aquae silvae iugerum
 paucorum et segetis certa fides meae 30
 fulgentem imperio fertilis Africae
 fallit sorte beator.
 quamquam nec Calabrae mella ferunt apes
 nec Laestrygonia Bacchus in amphora
 languescit mihi nec pinguis Gallicis 35
 crescunt vellera pascuis,
 importuna tamen pauperies abest
 nec, si plura velim, tu dare deneges.
 contracto melius parva cupidine
 vectigalia porrigam, 40
 quam si Mygdoniis regnum Alyattei
 campis continuem. multa petentibus
 desunt multa : bene est, cui deus obtulit
 parca quod satis est manu.

XVII

AELI vetusto nobilis ab Lamo,—
 quando et priores hinc Lamias ferunt
 denominatos et nepotum
 per memores genus omne fastos,

29-44 om. B 41 Alyattei con. Faber et Benth., codd. alii aliter
 delirant, haliatyti A¹ : haliattici R : aliat thii φψ &c.

auctore ab illo ducis originem, 5
 qui Formiarum moenia dicitur
 princeps et innantem Maricae
 litoribus tenuisse Lirim
 late tyrannus:—cras foliis nemus
 multis et alga litus inutili 10
 demissa tempestas ab Euro
 sternet, aquae nisi fallit augur
 annosa cornix. dum potes, aridum
 compone lignum: cras Genium mero
 curabis et porco bimestri 15
 cum famulis operum solutis.

XVIII

FAVNE, Nympharum fugientum amator,
 per meos finis et aprica rura
 lenis incedas abeasque parvis
 aequus alumnis,
 si tener pleno cadit haedus anno, 5
 larga nec desunt Veneris sodali
 vina craterae, vetus ara multo
 fumat odore.
 ludit herboso pecus omne campo,
 cum tibi Nonae redeunt Decembres; 10
 festus in pratis vacat otioso
 cum bove pagus;
 inter audaces lupus errat agnos;
 spargit agrestis tibi silva frondis;
 gaudet invisam pepulisse fossor 15
 ter pede terram.

XIX

QVANTVM distet ab Inacho
 Codrus pro patria non timidus mori,

narras et genus Aeaci
 et pugnata sacro bella sub Illo :
 quo Chium pretio cadum 5
 mercemur, quis aquam temperet ignibus
 quo praebente domum et quota
 Paelignis caream frigoribus, taces.
 da lunae propere novae,
 da noctis mediae, da, puer, auguris 10
 Murenæ : tribus aut novem
 miscentur cyathis pocula commodis.
 qui Musas amat imparis,
 ternos ter cyathos attonitus petet
 vates ; tris prohibet supra 15
 rixarum metuens tangere Gratia
 nudis iuncta sororibus.
 insanire iuvat : cur Berecynthiae
 cessant flamina tibiae ?
 cur pendet tacita fistula cum lyra ? 20
 parcentis ego dexteras
 odi : sparge rosas : audiat invidus
 dementem strepitum Lycus
 et vicina seni non habilis Lyco.
 spissa te nitidum coma, 25
 puro te similem, Telephe, Vespero,
 tempestiva petit Rhode :
 me lentus Glycerae torret amor meae.

XX

Non vides quanto moveas periclo,
 Pyrrhe, Gaetulae catulos leaenae ?
 dura post paulo fugies inaudax
 proelia raptor,

cum per obstantis iuvenum catervas 5
 ibit insignem repetens Nearchum,
 grande certamen, tibi praeda cedat
 maior an illi.

interim, dum tu celeris sagittas
 promis, haec dentis acuit timendos, 10
 arbiter pugnae posuisse nudo
 sub pede palmam
 fertur et leni recreare vento
 sparsum odoratis umerum capillis,
 qualis aut Nireus fuit aut aquosa 15
 raptus ab Ida.

XXI

O NATA mecum consule Manlio,
 seu tu querelas sive geris iocos
 seu rixam et insanos amores
 seu facilem, pia testa, somnum,
 quocumque lectum nomine Massicum 5
 servas, moveri digna bono die,
 descende, Corvino iubente
 promere languidiora vina.
 non ille, quamquam Socraticis madet
 sermonibus, te negleget horridus : 10
 narratur et prisci Catonis
 saepe mero caluisse virtus.
 tu lene tormentum ingenio admoves
 plerumque duro ; tu sapientium
 curas et arcanum iocoso 15
 consilium retegis Lyaeo ;

XX 8 illa con. *Peerlkamp* 15 Nireus *R Acr. Porph.* : Nereus
cett. codd. Vid. ad Epod. 15. 22

XXI 5 nomine *codd. plerique Acr.* : numine *BRL Benth. Vid. ad*
Epp. ii. 1. 16

tu spem reducis mentibus anxiis,
 virisque et addis cornua pauperi
 post te neque iratos trementi
 regum apices neque militum arma. 20

te Liber et, si laeta aderit, Venus
 segnesque nodum solvere Gratiae
 vivaeque producent lucernae,
 dum rediens fugat astra Phoebus.

XXII

MONTIVM custos nemorumque, Virgo,
 quae laborantis utero puellas
 ter vocata audis adimisque leto,
 diva triformis,
 imminens villae tua pinus esto, 5
 quam per exactos ego laetus annos
 verris obliquum meditantis ictum
 sanguine donem.

XXIII

CAELO supinas si tuleris manus
 nascente Luna, rustica Phidyle,
 si ture placaris et horna
 fruge Lares avidaque porca,
 nec pestilentem sentiet Africum 5
 fecunda vitis nec sterilem seges
 robiginem aut dulces alumni
 pomifero gravè tempus anno.
 nam quae nivali pascitur Algido
 devota quercus inter et ilices 10
 aut crescit Albanis in herbis
 victima pontificum securis

cervice tinget : te nihil attinet
 temptare multa caede bidentium
 parvos coronantem marino 15
 rore deos fragilique myrto.
 immunis aram si tetigit manus,
 non sumptuosa blandior hostia
 mollivit aversos Penatis
 farre pio et saliente mica. 20

XXIV

INTACTIS opulentior
 thesauris Arabum et divitis Indiae
 caementis licet occupes
 Tyrrenum omne tuis et mare Apulicum,
 si figit adamantinos 5
 summis verticibus dira Necessitas
 clavos, non animum metu,
 non mortis laqueis expedies caput.
 campestres melius Scythae,
 quorum plastra vagas rite trahunt domos, 10
 vivunt et rigidi Getae,
 immetata quibus iugera liberas
 fruges et Cererem ferunt,
 nec cultura placet longior annua,
 defunctumque laboribus 15
 aequali recreat sorte vicarius.
 illic matre carentibus
 privignis mulier temperat innocens,
 nec dotata regit virum
 coniunx nec nitido fidit adultero. 20
 dos est magna parentium
 virtus et metuens alterius viri

XXIII 19 mollibit *AaλlφψuC*

XXIV 4 Tyrrenum *codd.* : terrenum *coni. Lachmann* Apulicum
δφψuC : Ponticum *BAaλlR^s* : publicum *VRπργ* 22 *om. B*

certo foedere castitas ;
 et peccare nefas aut pretium est mori.
 o quisquis volet impiās 25
 caedis et rabiem tollere civicam,
 si quaeret PATER VRBIVM
 subscribi statuis, indomitam audeat
 refrenare licentiam,
 clarus postgenitis : quatenus—heu nefas !— 30
 virtutem incolumem odimus,
 sublatam ex oculis quaerimus invidi.
 * quid tristes querimoniae,
 si non supplicio culpa reciditur,
 quid leges sine moribus 35
 vanae proficiunt, si neque fervidis
 pars inclusa caloribus
 mundi nec Boreae finitimum latus
 durataeque solo nives
 mercatorem abigunt, horrida callidi 40
 vincunt aequora navitae,
 magnum pauperies opprobrium iubet
 quidvis et facere et pati
 virtutisquē viam deserit arduae?
 vel nos in Capitolium, 45
 quo clamor vocat et turba faventium,
 vel nos in mare proximum
 gemmas et lapides, aurum et inutile,
 summi materiem mali,
 mittamus, scelerum si bene paenitet. 50
 eradenda cupidinis
 pravi sunt elementa et tenerae nimis
 mentes asperioribus
 formandae studiis. nescit equo rudis

25 *Testis est Porph. nonnullos codices novum carmen hinc incepisse*
 25 quis quis αλφψ *Bentl.* 30-64 *om. B*

haerere ingenuus puer 55
 venarique timet, ludere doctior
 seu Graeco iubeas trocho
 seu malis vetita legibus alea,
 cum periura patris fides
 consortem socium fallat et hospites, 60
 indignoque pecuniam
 heredi properet. scilicet improbae
 crescunt divitiae; tamen
 curtae nescio quid semper abest rei.

XXV

Qvo me, Bacche, rapis tui
 plenum? quae nemora aut quos agor in specus
 velox mente nova? quibus
 antris egregii Caesaris audiar
 aeternum meditans decus 5
 stellis inserere et consilio Iovis?
 dicam insigne recens adhuc
 indictum ore alio. non secus in iugis
 exsomnia stupet Euhias
 Hebrum prospiciens et nive candidam 10
 Thracen ac pede barbaro
 lustratam Rhodopen, ut mihi devio
 ripas et vacuum nemus
 mirari libet. o Naiadum potens
 Baccharumque valentium 15
 proceras manibus vertere fraxinos,
 nil parvum aut humili modo,
 nil mortale loquar. dulce periculum est,
 o Linaee, sequi deum
 cingentem viridi tempora pampino. 20

60 hospites *maior pars codicum*: hospitem $\lambda\phi\psi\mu\pi$ *Porph.* (?)
 XXV 6 concilio $R\phi\psi\mu$ *Bentl.* 8, 9 *om. B* 9 exsomnia
codd. Acr.: Edonis *coni. Bentl.*

XXVI

VIXI puellis nuper idoneus
 et militavi non sine gloria;
 nunc arma defunctumque bello
 barbiton hic paries habebit,
 laevum marinae qui Veneris latus 5
 custodit. hic, hic ponite lucida
 funalia et vectis et arcus
 oppositis foribus minaces.
 o quae beatam diva tenes Cyprum et
 Memphin carentem Sithonia nive, 10
 regina, sublimi flagello
 tange Chloen semel arrogantem.

XXVII

IMPIOS parrae recinentis omen
 ducat et praegnas canis aut ab agro
 rava decurrens lupa Lanuvino
 fetaque vulpes:
 rumpat et serpens iter institutum 5
 si per obliquum similis sagittae
 terruit mannos: ego cui timebo
 providus auspex,
 antequam stantis repetat paludes
 imbrium divina avis imminendum, 10
 oscinem corvum prece suscitabo
 solis ab ortu.
 sis licet felix ubicumque mavis,
 et memor nostri, Galatea, vivas,
 teque nec laevus vetet ire picus 15
 nec vaga cornix.

XXVI 1 duellis *conj. Franke* 7 et arcus] *editores in coniecturas abierunt, securesque Benth. : et uncus Holder : et ascias Keller, &c.*

XXVII 5 rumpit *Rδφψπ Benth.* 7 cui *codd. plerique : quid λδπυ :*
 cur τ 15 vetat *ex uno codice Lambinus Benth.*

sed vides quanto trepidet tumultu
 pronus Orion. ego quid sit ater
 Hadriae novi sinus et quid albus
 peccet Iapyx.

20

hostium uxores puerique caecos
 sentiant motus orientis Austri et
 aequoris nigri fremitum et trementis
 verbere ripas.

sic et Europe niveum doloso
 credidit tauro latus et scatentem
 beluis pontum mediasque fraudes
 palluit audax.

25

nuper in pratis studiosa florum et
 debitae Nymphis opifex coronae,
 nocte sublustri nihil astra praeter
 vidit et undas.

30

quae simul centum tetigit potentem
 oppidis Creten, 'pater, o relictum
 filiae nomen, pietasque' dixit
 'victa furore!

35

unde quo veni? levis una mors est
 virginum culpa. vigilansne ploro
 turpe commissum, an vitiis carentem
 ludit imago

40

vana, quae porta fugiens eburna
 somnium ducit? meliusne fluctus
 ire per longos fuit, an recentis
 carpere flores?

si quis infamem mihi nunc iuencum
 dedat iratae, lacerare ferro et
 frangere enitar modo multum amati
 cornua monstri.

45

impudens liqui patrios Penatis,
 impudens Orcum moror. o deorum 50
 si quis haec audis, utinam inter errem
 nuda leones!
 antequam turpis macies decentis
 occupet malas teneraeque sucus
 defluat praedae, speciosa quaero 55
 pascere tigris.
 "vilis Europe," pater urget absens:
 "quid mori cessas? potes hac ab orno
 pendulum zona bene te secuta
 laedere collum. 60
 sive te rupes et acuta leto
 saxa delectant, age te procellae
 crede veloci, nisi erile mavis
 carpere pensum
 regius sanguis, dominaeque tradi 65
 barbarae paelex." aderat querenti
 perfidum ridens Venus et remisso
 filius arcu.
 mox, ubi lusit satis: 'abstineto'
 dixit 'irarum calidaeque rixae, 70
 cum tibi invisus laceranda reddet
 cornua taurus.
 uxor invicti Iovis esse nescis:
 mitte singultus, bene ferre magnam
 disce fortunam; tua sectus orbis 75
 nomina ducet.'

XXVIII

FESTO quid potius die
 Neptuni faciam? prome reconditum,

55 defluat $\delta\phi\psi\pi\mu L$: defluit $BAaR\lambda l$ *schol.* γ : defluet $\tau\gamma$ 6*

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Lyde, strenua Caecubum
 munitaeque adhibe vim sapientiae.
 inclinare meridiem 5
 sentis ac, veluti stet volucris dies,
 parcis deripere horreo
 cessantem Bibuli consulis amphoram.
 nos cantabimus invicem
 Neptunum et viridis Nereidum comas ; 10
 tu curva recines lyra
 Latonam et celeris spicula Cynthiae,
 summo carmine, quae Cnidon
 fulgentisque tenet Cycladas et Paphum
 iunctis visit oloribus ; 15
 dicetur merita Nox quoque nenia.

XXIX

TYRRHENA regum progenies, tibi
 non ante verso lene merum cado
 cum flore, Maecenas, rosarum et
 pressa tuis balanus capillis
 iamdudum apud me est. eripe te morae, 5
 nec semper udum Tibur et Aefulae
 declive contempleris arvom et
 Telegoni iuga parricidae.
 fastidiosam desere copiam et
 molem propinquam nubibus arduis ; 10
 omitte mirari beatae
 fumum et opes strepitumque Romae.
 plerumque gratae divitibus vices
 mundaеque parvo sub lare pauperum
 cenae sine aulaeis et ostro 15
 sollicitam explicuere frontem.

XXVIII 9 in vices RδφψπυL, schol. λφ

XXIX 6 nec BAaR^g : ne cett.

iam clarus occultum Andromedae pater
 ostendit ignem, iam Procyon furit
 et stella vesani Leonis,
 sole dies referente siccos : 20
 iam pastor umbras cum grege languido
 rivumque fessus quaerit et horridi
 dumeta Silvani, caretque
 ripa vagis taciturna ventis.
 tu civitatem quis deceat status 25
 curas et Vrbi sollicitus times
 quid Seres et regnata Cyro
 Bactra parent Tanaisque discors.
 prudens futuri temporis exitum
 caliginosa nocte premit deus, 30
 ridetque si mortalis ultra
 fas trepidat. quod adest memento
 componere aequus ; cetera fluminis
 ritu feruntur, nunc medio alveo
 cum pace delabentis Etruscum 35
 in mare, nunc lapides adesos
 stirpesque raptas et pecus et domos
 volventis una non sine montium
 clamore vicinaeque silvae,
 cum fera diluvies quietos 40
 irritat amnis. ille potens sui
 laetusque deget, cui licet in diem
 dixisse 'vixi : cras vel atra
 nube polum Pater occupato
 vel sole puro ; non tamen irritum, 45
 quodcumque retro est, efficiet neque
 diffinget infectumque reddet,
 quod fugiens semel hora vexit.'

Fortuna saevo laeta negotio et
 ludum insolentem ludere pertinax
 transmutat incertos honores,
 nunc mihi, nunc alii benigna.
 laudo manentem; si celeris quatit
 pennas, resigno quae dedit et mea
 virtute me involvo probamque
 pauperiem sine dote quaero.
 non est meum, si mugiat Africis
 malus procellis, ad miseras preces
 decurrere et votis pacisci
 ne Cypriae Tyriaeque merces
 addant avaro divitias mari.
 tunc me biremis praesidio scaphae
 tutum per Aegaeos tumultus
 aura feret geminusque Pollux.

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XXX

EXEGI monumentum aere perennius
 regalique situ pyramidum altius,
 quod non imber edax, non Aquilo impotens
 possit diruere aut innumerabilis
 annorum series et fuga temporum.
 non omnis moriar, multaque pars mei
 vitabit Libitinam: usque ego postera
 crescam laude recens, dum Capitolium
 scandet cum tacita virgine pontifex.
 dicar, qua violens obstrepit Aufidus
 et qua pauper aquae Daunus agrestium
 regnavit populorum, ex humili potens
 princeps Aeolium carmen ad Italos
 deduxisse modos. sume superbiam
 quaesitam meritis et mihi Delphica
 lauro cinge volens, Melpomene, comam.

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INTRODUCTION TO BOOK IV

THERE is no reason to doubt the account given by Suetonius of the origin of this Book. The occasion and general date of it are fixed clearly on its own evidence. With the exception of Ode 6, which is manifestly written at the same time as the *Carmen Saeculare*, i. e. in B.C. 17, all the Odes that can be dated refer immediately to two events, viz. (1) the return of Augustus to Rome in B.C. 13, after three years' absence in Gaul, whither he had gone in the year 16, on the news of the defeat of Lollius by the Sygambri; (2) the double campaign of Drusus and Tiberius in Raetia and Vindelicia, which occupied the year 15.

The general tone of the Book, as well as its particular references, suit the period thus assigned to it. Its opening bears witness to the interval which separates it from Horace's last essays in lyric verse. Cp. *Epp.* I. 1. 1-10 and 2. 1. 111. That interval has brought marked changes in the poet's fortunes, as well as in the political world. The contrast of 4. 5 or 15 with 1. 12 or 3. 24, is hardly more striking than that of 4. 3 with 1. 1. The sons of Livia have taken the place of Marcellus; the military triumphs, and the moral and social reforms which in the earlier Books were prophecy, are now history; the Cantabrian, '*non ante domabilis*,' is no longer a cause of disquiet; the Parthians have restored the standards of Carrhae, and Phraates and his quarrels are forgotten; the vague alarms about the Dacian, or projects of conquest in Britain, have given place to real dangers met on the Rhine, and substantial victories won in the Eastern Alps. The position of one name in the Book marks more clearly still the contrast between the two epochs, both in respect of the outer world and of Horace's own life. Maecenas, whom even in B.C. 19 he addressed as '*prima dicte mihi, summa dicende Camena*,' is mentioned but once in this Book. His birthday is the occasion of Ode 11, and he is spoken of in terms of the old affection; but (1) we have no hint now of his being still interested in politics, a change which tallies with the date assigned by Dion (54. 19) to his loss of the favour of Augustus and to his retirement from public affairs in B.C. 16; and (2) he is

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no longer the patron to whose praise Horace looks as his highest reward. The three Books of Odes have been published for some time, and the verdict anticipated in 3. 30 has been accorded to them. Their author is now the intimate of Augustus. He has been selected to compose the hymn for the Secular Games, and the public voice ratified the emperor's choice. He is now writing, not in the hope of winning a name for himself, but at the desire of Augustus, and because his praise will confessedly give lustre to the emperor and his family.

It may be added, that the versification of the leading Odes gives some witness to the lateness of their composition ; the Sapphic Odes in the frequency of the caesura after the sixth syllable, which assimilates them to the Carm. Saec. ; and the Alcaic in the greater strictness with respect to the structure of v. 3 of the stanza, and the complete exclusion of the short anacrusis in vv. 1, 2, 3 (see Index of Metres).

It has been said before that Book iv exhibits more proofs of artistic purpose in its arrangement than any other collection of Horace's poems.

1. The most obvious instance, perhaps, is the disposition of the four Odes for the sake of which we may say the Book was composed. They stand in two pairs at the beginning of the Book (after a prelude, which will be noticed presently) and at its end. Each pair is divided between Augustus and one of the young princes ; so that any praises of the latter may seem to lead up to and merge themselves in the glory of the former.

2. Scarcely less noticeable is the sequence of thought expressed or suggested in the three Odes which precede the main theme. No doubt a somewhat similar relation may be traced in the first Ode of Book i ; but the prelude here is more elaborate, and the irony is more conscious. He has been asked to take up his lyre again to sing the glory of the emperor and his step-sons, and he begins as usual with 'denial vain and coy excuse.' 'He will take his lyre, indeed, but it is at Venus' bidding, to renew under her compulsion the bitter-sweet themes which he hoped he had laid aside.' Ode 2 is to the same purport, though it carries us a little further by the end. 'He is no swan of Pindaric song, such as is needed for so high a task. Some greater poet, Antonius himself, may sing of Augustus returning in triumph with the Sygambri at his chariot wheels, and of the people's joy. It may be, in the

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rapture of that happy day, even he too may find a voice and sing his best, and shout with the shouting people, and make his humble offerings. And yet—the tone changes in Ode 3—he remembers that he is a poet, set apart from his birth by the Muse from common ambitions and glories, recognized as such by the voice of Rome ; and so, though all the glory is the Muse's, not his own, he will venture, and somewhat loudly sweep the string.'

3. The middle of the Book is occupied with the expansion of the same theme as that of Ode 3, the only theme besides the triumphs and blessings of the Empire which seems to wake him to any of his old lyric fire, the consciousness of his own poetic power, and the immortality which he can confer on others as he has secured it for himself¹. Odes 6, 8, 9, like Ode 3, while they express Horace's inmost feelings, lead also directly to the main purpose of the Book. In his own words, he gives Augustus the panegyric for which he had asked, and '*pretium dicit muneri.*' They are divided by Ode 7, which enforces the lesson that no other immortality must be looked for; high blood, eloquence, piety, are alike powerless to save from the ending of all mortality—a handful of dust and a shadow. Then he finds a place not too conspicuous for his private friendship for Maecenas. Two more Odes in his old character as a poet of wine and of love, the second manifestly a companion and sequel to an Ode of Book iii, complete what he thinks necessary to give the relief of variety, and he returns to Tiberius' victory and the domestic peace of the reign of Augustus.

SUMMARY OF THE HISTORICAL EVENTS REFERRED TO IN THE BOOK

1. In B.C. 16 M. Lollius was in command on the left bank of the Rhine as *legatus* of the emperor, when an important irruption occurred of some German tribes, of whom the most formidable were the Sygambri, a name which is supposed still to survive in the river Sieg, which joins the Rhine opposite Bonn. Lollius met

¹ We must remember the great importance which Horace always attaches to this metaphorical 'immortality,' the only immortality apparently in which he believed. Cp. Od. 2. 20, 3. 30. 6 foll. and see on 3. 2. 21.

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them and suffered a defeat, which, though Suetonius makes less of it ('maioris infamiae quam detrimenti,' Oct. 23), is ranked by Tacitus with that of Varus (Ann. 1. 10). At any rate it was sufficient to make Augustus set out in person from Rome. Before, however, he reached the frontier, the Sygambri, finding that Lollius was rallying his forces, and that reinforcements were on their way from Rome, made a hasty peace, and retired again beyond the Rhine. See Dion 54. 20. Augustus remained in Gaul during the whole of the two following years, and did not return to Rome till the July of B.C. 13.

2. In the meantime, in the year 15, an important and permanent conquest had been effected by Tiberius and Drusus, the sons of Livia by her former husband Ti. Claudius Nero. Merivale recounts (vol. iv, ch. 34, p. 142) the operations by which secure possession was gained by Rome in Augustus' reign of the western passes of the Alps, the Corniche Road, the passes that lead from France to Turin, and the St. Bernard passes into the Val d'Aosta. The work of Tiberius and Drusus was directed to the similar object of obtaining military command of the more eastern passes into the valleys of the Rhine and the Inn, which were still unsafe for the armies of Rome or her allies, and from which the mountain-tribes even issued from time to time to plunder Italian soil. Drusus forced what is now known as the Brenner pass, meeting and overthrowing the Rhaetians in the valley near Tridentum, now Trent. In the meantime, or as soon as Drusus' success was assured, Tiberius was detached from Augustus' army in Gaul, with the purpose of taking the enemy in the rear. He ascended the Rhine valley to the Lake of Constance, where he launched a flotilla of boats, and entering at once several of the valleys which open on the lake, 'penetrated the gorges of the Upper Rhine and Inn in every direction, so that at the conclusion of a brilliant and rapid campaign, the two brothers had effected the complete subjugation of the country of the Grisons and the Tyrol.' 'The free tribes of the Eastern Alps appear then for the first time in history, only to disappear again for a thousand years.' Merivale, vol. iv, ch. 35, p. 222, Dion 54. 22, Vell. 2. 95, Strab. 4. 6, p. 206.

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CARMINVM

LIBER QVARTVS

I

INTERMISSA, Venus, diu
rursus bella moves? parce precor, precor.
non sum qualis eram bonae
sub regno Cinarae. desine, dulcium
mater saeva Cupidinum, 5
circa lustra decem flectere mollibus
iam durum imperiis: abi
quo blandae iuvenum te revocant preces.
tempestivius in domum
Pauli purpureis ales oloribus 10
comissabere Maximi,
si torrere iecur quaeris idoneum:
namque et nobilis et decens
et pro sollicitis non tacitus reis
et centum puer artium 15
late signa feret militiae tuae,
et, quandoque potentior
largi muneribus riserit aemuli,
Albanos prope te lacus
ponet marmoream sub trabe citrea. 20

19 domum *RδφψπυL*: domo *BAαλγC*
largis *Rλδφψπυ*

18 largi *BAαγC*:

illic plurima naribus
 duces tura, lyraeque et Berecynthiae
 delectabere tibiae
 mixtis carminibus non sine fistula;
 illic bis pueri die 25
 numen cum teneris virginibus tuum
 laudantes pede candido
 in morem Salium ter quatient humum.
 me nec femina nec puer
 iam nec spes animi credula mutui 30
 nec certare iuvat mero
 nec vincere novis tempora floribus.
 sed cur heu, Ligurine, cur
 manat rara meas lacrima per genas?
 cur facunda parum decoro 35
 inter verba cadit lingua silentio?
 nocturnis ego somniis
 iam captum teneo, iam volucrem sequor
 te per gramina Martii
 campi, te per aquas, dure, volubilis. 40

II

PINDARVM quisquis studet aemulari,
 Iule, ceratis ope Daedalea
 nititur pennis vitreo daturus
 nomina ponto.
 monte decurrens velut amnis, imbres 5
 quem super notas aluere ripas,
 fervet immensusque ruit profundo
 Pindarus ore,

22, 23 lyrae, Berecynthiae, tibiae *codd. plerique*: lyra, &c. *Vg Bentl.*
 28 quatient *πυγC*: quatiunt *cett.*

II 2 Iule *vel Iulle codd.*: ille *coni. Peerlkamp* 6 quem . . .
 aluere *codd. plerique Acr.*: quem . . . saluere *L*: cum . . . saluere (*vel*
 saliere) *Vδqψπ*

laurea donandus Apollinari,
 seu per audaces nova dithyrambos 10
 verba devolvit numerisque fertur
 lege solutis,
 seu deos regesque canit, deorum
 sanguinem, per quos cecidere iusta
 morte Centauri, cecidit tremendae 15
 flamma Chimaerae,
 sive quos Elea domum reducit
 palma caelestis pugilemve equumve
 dicit et centum potiore signis
 munere donat, 20
 flebili sponsae iuvenemve raptum
 plorat et viris animumque moresque
 aureos educit in astra nigroque
 invidet Orco.
 multa Dircaeum levat aura cycnum, 25
 tendit, Antoni, quotiens in altos
 nubium tractus: ego apis Matinae
 more modoque
 grata carpentis thyma per laborem
 plurimum circa nemus uvidique 30
 Tiburis ripas operosa parvus
 carmina fingo.
 concines maiore poeta plectro
 Caesarem, quandoque trahet feroces
 per sacrum clivum merita decorus 35
 fronde Sygambros,
 quo nihil maius meliusve terris
 fata donavere bonique divi
 nec dabunt, quamvis redeant in aurum
 tempora priscum. 40

concines laetosque dies et Urbis
publicum ludum super impetrato
fortis Augusti reditu forumque
litibus orbum.

tum meae, si quid loquar audiendum,
vocis accedet bona pars, et, 'o Sol
pulcher! o laudande!' canam, recepto
Caesare felix.

45

teque, dum procedis, io Triumphe,
non semel dicemus, io Triumphe,
civitas omnis, dabimusque divis
tura benignis.

50

te decem tauri totidemque vaccae,
me tener solvet vitulus, relictæ
matre qui largis iuvenescit herbis
in mea vota,

55

fronte curvatos imitatus ignis
tertium lunæ referentis ortum,
qua notam duxit, niveus videri,
cetera fulvus.

60

III

QVEM tu, Melpomene, semel
nascentem placido lumine videris,
illum non labor Isthmius
clarabit pugilem, non equus impiger
curru ducet Achaico
victorem, neque res bellica Deliis
ornatum foliis ducem,
quod regum tumidas contuderit minas,

5

49 tuque *codd. recentiorum nonnulli, Keller: isque coni. Benth.:*
ioque *Gow* procedit *BC Benth.* 58 orbem *Μόνη*
III *om. B*

ostendet Capitolio :
 sed quae Tibur aquae fertile praefluunt 10
 et spissae nemorum comae
 fingent Aeolio carmine nobilem.
 Romae principis urbium
 dignatur suboles inter amabilis
 vatum ponere me choros, 15
 et iam dente minus mordeor invido.
 o, testudinis aureae
 dulcem quae strepitum, Pieri, temperas,
 o mutis quoque piscibus
 donatura cycni, si libeat, sonum, 20
 totum muneris hoc tui est,
 quod monstror digito praetereuntium
 Romanae fidicen lyrae :
 quod spiro et placeo, si placeo, tuum est.

IV

QVALEM ministrum fulminis alitem,
 cui rex deorum regnum in avis vagas
 permisit expertus fidelem
 Iuppiter in Ganymede flavo,
 olim iuventas et patrius vigor 5
 nido laborum propulit inscium,
 vernique iam nimbis remotis
 insolitos docuere nisus
 venti paventem, mox in ovilia
 demisit hostem vividus impetus, 10
 nunc in reluctantis dracones
 egit amor dapis atque pugnae,

IV 6 propulit *λῆπυγ*, *schol.* λφ 'eiecit': protulit *codd.* plerique
 7 verni *ΒΑαγC*, *schol.* γ: vernis *cett. codd.*

qualemve laetis caprea pascuis
 intenta fulvae matris ab ubere
 iam lacte depulsum leonem 15
 dente novo peritura vidit,
 videre Raeti bella sub Alpibús
 Drusum gerentem Vindelici—quibus
 mos unde deductus per omne
 tempus Amazonia securi 20
 dextras obarmet, quaerere distuli,
 nec scire fas est omnia—sed diu
 lateque victrices catervae
 consiliis iuvenis revictae
 sensere, quid mens rite, quid indoles 25
 nutrita faustis sub penetralibus
 posset, quid Augusti paternus
 in pueros animus Neronés.
 fortes creantur fortibus et bonis ;
 est in iuvenis, est in equis patrum 30
 virtus, neque imbellem feroces
 progenerant aquilae columbam ;
 doctrina sed vim promovet insitam,
 rectique cultus pectora roborant ;
 utcumque defecere mores, 35
 indecorant bene nata culpae.
 quid debeas, o Roma, Neronibus,
 testis Metaurum flumen et Hasdrubal
 devictus et pulcher fugatis
 ille dies Latio tenebris, 40
 qui primus alma risit adorea,
 dirus per urbis Afer ut Italas
 ceu flamma per taedas vel Eurús
 per Siculas equitavit undas.

17 Raeti *codd. Acr.* : Raetis *coni. N. Heinsius*
Rδφψπ Acr. Porph. : dedecorant *cett. codd.*

36 indecorant

post hoc secundis usque laboribus 45
 Romana pubes crevit, et impio
 vastata Poenorum tumultu
 fana deos habuere rectos,
 dixitque tandem perfidus Hannibal
 'cervi, luporum praeda rapacium, 50
 sectamur ultro, quos opimus
 fallere et effugere est triumphus.
 gens, quae cremato fortis ab Ilio
 iactata Tuscis aequoribus sacra
 natosque maturosque patres 55
 pertulit Ausonias ad urbis,
 duris ut ilex tonsa bipennibus
 nigrae feraci frondis in Algido,
 per damna, per caedis, ab ipso
 ducit opes animumque ferro. 60
 non hydra secto corpore firmior
 vinci dolentem crevit in Herculem,
 monstrumve submisere Colchi
 maius Echioniaeve Thebae.
 merses profundo : pulchrior evenit : 65
 luctere : multa proruet integrum
 cum laude victorem geretque
 proelia coniugibus loquenda.
 Carthagini iam non ego nuntios
 mittam superbos : occidit, occidit 70
 spes omnis et fortuna nostri
 nominis Hasdrubale interempto.'
 nil Claudiae non perficiunt manus,
 quas et benigno numine Iuppiter
 defendit et curae sagaces 75
 expediunt per acuta belli.

65 merses *Rδγ Acr.* : mersus *BAλIR^sCg* 73 perficiunt *restituit*
Bentl. ex *cod.* *V* : perficiant *φψ* : perficient *cell.*

V

Divis orte bonis, optime Romulae
 custos gentis, abes iam nimium diu ;
 maturum reditum pollicitus patrum
 sancto concilio, redi.

lucem redde tuae, dux bone, patriae :
 instar veris enim vultus ubi tuus
 adfulsit populo, gratior it dies
 et soles melius nitent.

ut mater iuvenem, quem Notus invido
 flatu Carpathii trans maris aequora
 cunctantem spatio longius annuo
 dulci distinet a domo,

votis ominibusque et precibus vocat,
 curvo nec faciem litore dimovet :
 sic desideriiis icta fidelibus
 quaerit patria Caesarem.

tutus bos etenim rura perambulat,
 nutrit rura Ceres almaque Faustitas,
 pacatum volitant per mare navitae,
 culpari metuit fides,

nullis polluitur casta domus stupris,
 mos et lex maculosum edomuit nefas,
 laudantur simili prole puerperae,
 culpam poena premit comes.

quis Parthum paveat, quis gelidum Scythen,
 quis Germania quos horrida parturit
 fetus, incolumi Caesare ? quis ferae
 bellum curet Hiberiae ?

condit quisque diem collibus in suis,
 et vitem viduas ducit ad arbores ;
 hinc ad vina redit laetus et alteris
 te mensis adhibet deum ;

te multa prece, te prosequitur mero
 defuso pateris et Laribus tuum
 miscet numen, uti Graecia Castoris 35
 et magni memor Herculis.
 ‘longas o utinam, dux bone, ferias
 praestes Hesperiae!’ dicimus integro
 sicci mane die, dicimus uvidi,
 cum sol Oceano subest. 40

VI

DIVE, quem proles Niobea magnae
 vindicem linguae Tityosque raptor
 sensit et Troiae prope victor altae
 Phthius Achilles,
 ceteris maior, tibi miles impar, 5
 filius quamvis Thetidis marinae
 Dardanas turris quateret tremenda
 cuspidē pugnax.
 ille, mordaci velut icta ferro
 pinus aut impulsa cupressus Euro, 10
 procidit late posuitque collum in
 pulvere Teucro.
 ille non inclusus equo Minervae
 sacra mentito male feriatos
 Troas et laetam Priami choreis 15
 falleret aulam;
 sed palam captis gravis, heu nefas! heu!
 nescios fari pueros Achivis
 ureret flammis, etiam latentem
 matris in alvo, 20

34 defuso *Rδφψγ*: diffusa *cett.*

VI 10 impulsa (*vel* impulsa) *Rδφψπγ*: *im̄ssa BA*: impressa *αιλλ*
 17 captis *om.* *φψτ*: victor *u*: *Benl.* *suspiciatur vocabulum verum olim*
excidisse et variis modis versum suppletum fuisse. Vid. ad Epp. ii. 2. 199

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ni tuis victus Venerisque gratae
vocibus divum pater adnuisset
rebus Aeneae potiore ductos
alite muros.

doctor argutae fidicen Thaliae,
Phoebe, qui Xantho lavis amne crines,
Daunia defende decus Camenae,
levis Agyieu.

25

spiritum Phoebus mihi, Phoebus artem
carminis nomenque dedit poetae.
virginum primae puerique claris
patribus orti,

30

Deliae tutela deae fugaces
lynas et cervos cohibentis arcu,
Lesbium servate pedem meique
pollicis ictum,

35

rite Latonae puerum canentes,
rite crescentem face Noctilucam,
prosperam frugum celeremque pronos
volvere mensis.

40

nupta iam dices 'ego dis amicum,
saeculo festas referente luces,
reddidi carmen, docilis modorum
vatis Horati.'

VII

DIFFVGERE nives, redeunt iam gramina campis
arboribusque comae;
mutat terra vices, et decrescentia ripas
flumina praetereunt;

21 victus] flexus *V Benth.* 25 argutae] Argivae *δπ schol. φ, Benth.*
28 Agyieu (*vel* Agyeu, Agieu) *Bπ Acr. Porph.* : Agyleu (*vel* Agylleu,
Agileu) *VAR λδφψu, schol. φ* 38 noctilucam *Bu* : noctiluca *AaRπ* :
nocte lucem *δφψ*

CARMINVM LIBER IV

Gratia cum Nymphis geminisque sororibus audet 5
 ducere nuda choros.
 immortalia ne speres, monet annus et alium
 quae rapit hora diem :
 frigora mitescunt Zephyris, ver proterit aestas
 interitura simul 10
 pomifer Autumnus fruges effuderit, et mox
 bruma recurrit iners.
 damna tamen celeres reparant caelestia lunae :
 nos ubi decidimus
 quo pater Aeneas, quo dives Tullus et Ancus, 15
 pulvis et umbra sumus.
 quis scit an adiciant hodiernae crastina summae
 tempora di superi?
 cuncta manus avidas fugient heredis, amico
 quae dederis animo. 20
 cum semel occideris et de te splendida Minos
 fecerit arbitria,
 non, Torquate, genus, non te facundia, non te
 restituet pietas ;
 infernis neque enim tenebris Diana pudicum 25
 liberat Hippolytum,
 nec Lethaea valet Theseus abrumpere caro
 vincula Pirithoo.

VIII

DONAREM pateras grataque commodus,
 Censorine, meis aera sodalibus,
 donarem tripodas, praemia fortium
 Graiorum, neque tu pessima munerum

VII 15 pater *VδπυR^s Benth.* : pius *cett. codd.* dives Tullus *δπυ*,
schol. φ : dives Iulus *φφ* : Tullus (Tullius B) dives *cett. codd., lemmata*
Acr. et Porph. 17 summae *BAaRλλφφ* : vitae *Vδπυ* et secunda
manu AaR

ferres, divite me scilicet artium 5
 quas aut Parrhasius protulit aut Scopas,
 hic saxo, liquidis ille coloribus
 sollers nunc hominem ponere, nunc deum.
 sed non haec mihi vis, nec tibi talium
 res est aut animus deliciarum egens. 10
 gaudes carminibus; carmina possumus
 donare et pretium dicere muneri.
 non incisa notis marmora publicis,
 per quae spiritus et vita redit bonis
 post mortem ducibus, non celeres fugae 15
 reiectaeque retrorsum Hannibalis minae,
 non incendia Carthaginis impiae
 eius, qui domita nomen ab Africa
 lucratus rediit, clarius indicant
 laudes quam Calabrae Pierides: neque, 20
 si chartae sileant quod bene feceris,
 mercedem tuleris. quid foret Iliae
 Mavortisque puer, si taciturnitas
 obstaret meritis invida Romuli?
 ereptum Stygiis fluctibus Aeacum 25
 virtus et favor et lingua potentium
 vatum divitibus consecrat insulis.
 dignum laude virum Musa vetat mori:
 caelo Musa beat. sic Iovis interest
 optatis epulis impiger Hercules, 30
 clarum Tyndaridae sidus ab infimis
 quassas eripiunt aequoribus ratis,
 ornatus viridi tempora pampino
 Liber vota bonos ducit ad exitus.

VIII 15 celeris fuga *BAal*
 diticium notant *Bentl. al.*

17 *Hunc versum tamquam sub-*

IX

NE forte credas interitura, quae
 longe sonantem natus ad Aufidum
 non ante vulgatas per artis
 verba loquor socianda chordis :
 non, si priores Maeonius tenet 5
 sedes Homerus, Pindaricae latent
 Caeaque et Alcaeï minaces
 Stesichorique graves Camenae ;
 nec, si quid olim lusit Anacreon,
 delevit aetas ; spirat adhuc amor 10
 vivuntque commissi calores
 Aeoliae fidibus puellae.
 non sola comptos arsit adulteri
 crinis et aurum vestibus illitum
 mirata regalisque cultus 15
 et comites Helene Lacaena,
 primusve Teucer tela Cydonio
 direxit arcu ; non semel Ilios
 vexata ; non pugnavit ingens
 Idomeneus Sthenelusve solus 20
 dicenda Muis proelia ; non ferox
 Hector vel acer Deiphobus gravis
 excepit ictus pro pudicis
 coniugibus puerisque primus.
 vixere fortes ante Agamemnona 25
 multi ; sed omnes illacrimabiles
 urgentur ignotique longa
 nocte, carent quia vate sacro.
 paulum sepultae distat inertiae
 celata virtus. non ego te meis 30
 chartis inornatum silebo,
 totve tuos patiar labores

impune, Lolli, carpere lividas
 obliviones. est animus tibi
 rerumque prudens et secundis 35
 temporibus dubiisque rectus,
 vindex avarae fraudis et abstinens
 ducentis ad se cuncta pecuniae,
 consulque non unius anni,
 sed quotiens bonus atque fidus 40
 iudex honestum praetulit utili,
 reiecit alto dona nocentium
 vultu, per obstantis catervas
 explicuit sua victor arma.
 non possidentem multa vocaveris 45
 recte beatum: rectius occupat
 nomen beati, qui deorum
 muneribus sapienter uti
 duramque callet pauperiem pati
 peiusque leto flagitium timet, 50
 non ille pro caris amicis
 aut patria timidus perire.

X

O CRVDELIS adhuc et Veneris muneribus potens,
 insperata tuae cum veniet pluma superbiae,
 et, quae nunc umeris involitant, deciderint comae,
 nunc et qui color est puniceae flore prior rosae,
 mutatus Ligurinum in faciem verterit hispidam, 5
 dices 'heu' quotiens te speculo videris alterum,
 'quae mens est hodie, cur eadem non puero fuit,
 vel cur his animis incolumes non redeunt genae?'

XI

EST mihi nonum superantis annum
 plenus Albani cadus ; est in horto,
 Phylli, nectendis apium coronis ;

est hederæ vis

multa, qua crinis religata fulges ; 5

ridet argento domus ; ara castis

vincta verbenis avet immolato

spargier agno ;

cuncta festinat manus, huc et illuc

cursitant mixtæ pueris puellæ ; 10

sordidum flammæ trepidant rotantes

vertice fumum.

ut tamen noris quibus advoceris

gaudiis, Idus tibi sunt agendaæ,

qui dies mensem Veneris marinae 15

findit Aprilem,

iure sollemnis mihi sanctiorque

paene natali proprio, quod ex hac

luce Maecenas meus adfluentis

ordinat annos. 20

Telephum, quem tu petis, occupavit

non tuæ sortis iuvenem puella

dives et lasciva tenetque grata

compede vinctum.

terret ambustus Phaethon avaras 25

spes, et exemplum grave præbet ales

Pegasus terrenum equitem gravatus

Bellerophontem,

semper ut te digna sequare et ultra

quam licet sperare nefas putando 30

disparem vites. age iam, meorum

finis amorum—

non enim posthac alia calebo
 femina—condisce modos, amanda
 voce quos reddas: minuentur atrae
 carmine curae.

35

XII

IAM veris comites, quae mare temperant,
 impellunt animae lintea Thraciae;
 iam nec prata rigent nec fluvii strepunt
 hiberna nive turgidi.
 nidum ponit Ityn flebiliter gemens
 infelix avis et Cecropiae domus
 aeternum opprobrium, quod male barbaras
 regum est ulta libidines.
 dicunt in tenero gramine pinguium
 custodes ovium carmina fistula
 delectantque deum cui pecus et nigri
 colles Arcadiae placent.
 adduxere sitim tempora, Vergili;
 sed pressum Calibus ducere Liberum
 si gestis, iuvenum nobilium cliens,
 nardo vina merebere.
 nardi parvus onyx eliciet cadum,
 qui nunc Sulpiciis accubat horreis,
 spes donare novas largus amaraque
 curarum eluere efficax.
 ad quae si properas gaudia, cum tua
 velox merce veni: non ego te meis
 immunem meditor tingere poculis,
 plena dives ut in domo.
 verum pone moras et studium lucri,
 nigrorumque memor, dum licet, ignium
 misce stultitiam consiliis brevem:
 dulce est desipere in loco.

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XIV

QVAE cura patrum quaeve Quiritium
 plenis honorum muneribus tuas,

Auguste, virtutes in aevum
 per titulos memoresque fastos

aeternet, o, qua sol habitabilis

5

illustrat oras, maxime principum?

quem legis expertes Latinae

Vindelici didicere nuper,

quid Marte posses. milite nam tuo

Drusus Genaunos, implacidum genus,

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Breunosque veloces et arces

Alpibus impositas tremendis

deiecit acer plus vice simplici;

maior Neronum mox grave proelium

commisit immanisque Raetos

15

auspiciis pepulit secundis,

spectandus in certamine Martio,

devota morti pectora liberae

quantis fatigaret ruinis,

indomitas prope qualis undas

20

exercet Auster, Pleiadum choro

scindente nubes, impiger hostium

vexare turmas et frementem

mittere equum medios per ignis.

sic tauriformis volvitur Aufidus,

25

qui regna Dauni praefluit Apuli,

cum saevit horrendamque cultis

diluvium meditatur agris,

XIV 28 meditatur aRγ Porph. Servius (ad Verg. G. iii. 153) : minitatur cett. codd.

ut barbarorum Claudius agmina
 ferrata vasto diruit impetu 30
 primosque et extremos metendo
 stravit humum sine clade victor,
 te copias, te consilium et tuos
 praebente divos. nam tibi, quo die
 portus Alexandria supplex 35
 et vacuum patefecit aulam,
 fortuna lustris prospera tertio
 belli secundos reddidit exitus,
 laudemque et optatum peractis
 imperii decus arrogavit. 40
 te Cantaber non ante domabilis
 Medusque et Indus, te profugus Scythes
 miratur, o tutela praesens
 Italiae dominaeque Romae.
 te, fontium qui celat origines, 45
 Nilusque et Hister, te rapidus Tigris,
 te beluosus qui remotis
 obstrepat Oceanus Britannis,
 te non paventis funera Galliae
 duraeque tellus audit Hiberiae, 50
 te caede gaudentes Sygambri
 compositis venerantur armis.

XV

PHOEBVS volentem proelia me loqui
 victas et urbis increpuit lyra,
 ne parva Tyrrhenum per aequor
 vela darem. tua, Caesar, aetas

fruges et agris rettulit uberes,	5
et signa nostro restituit Iovi	
derepta Parthorum superbis	
postibus et vacuum duellis	
Ianum Quirini clausit et ordinem	
rectum evaganti frena licentiae	10
iniecit emovitque culpas	
et veteres revocavit artis,	
per quas Latinum nomen et Italiae	
crevere vires, famaue et imperi	
porrecta maiestas ad ortus	15
solis ab Hesperio cubili.	
custode rerum Caesare non furor	
civilis aut vis exigit otium,	
non ira, quae procudit ensis	
et miseras inimicat urbis.	20
non qui profundum Danuvium bibunt	
edicta rumpent Iulia, non Getae,	
non Seres infidive Persae,	
non Tanain prope flumen orti.	
nosque et profestis lucibus et sacris	25
inter iocosi munera Liberi	
cum prole matronisque nostris,	
rite deos prius apprecati,	
virtute functos more patrum duces	
Lydis remixto carmine tibiis	30
Troiamque et Anchisen et almae	
progeniem Veneris canemus.	

INTRODUCTION TO THE CARMEN SAECULARE

IN the Mon. Ancyranum (Mommsen, c. 22) Augustus tells us that he celebrated the Secular Games in the consulship of C. Furnius and C. Silanus (B.C. 17) with Agrippa as colleague, and on behalf of the 'college of Quindecimviri.'

Suetonius (Oct. 31) mentions the 'Ludi Saeculares' amongst 'nonnulla ex antiquis caerimoniis paulatim abolita' which Augustus revived. Dion also (54. 18) mentions the celebration, giving the year, and saying that it professed to be the fifth time of the observance.

The first extant account of their origin and earlier celebrations is in the treatise of Censorinus (in the second half of the third century A.D.) 'de die Natali,' c. 17.

The games of which they professed to be the revival went under the Republic by the name of Tarentini (or Terentini) and Taurii, the former name being connected by all writers with the 'stagna Tarenti' or 'Terenti,' a spot at the north edge of the Campus Martius, near the river, once a swamp, and probably a warm spring (see Burn's Rome and the Campagna, p. 300), the locality of some of the chief ceremonies even in Augustus' celebration.

Their origin according to some of the authorities, according to others their second celebration, was ascribed to Val. Publicola. All agree that they had only been celebrated four times before the age of Augustus. There is no trace of the name 'Saeculares' before that date, and what is said of the different celebrations goes to show that they were called forth by special emergencies, not by any recurrence of epochs. Still, there would seem to have been some tradition of such recurrence to justify Augustus' revival. On the dates of the celebrations Censorinus' authorities differed. The length of the 'saeculum' itself was diversely given at 110, as by

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Horace, and 100 years, as by Val. Antias, Livy, and Varro, whom Censorinus quotes.

The historical performances are at varying periods, but all with some reference to an intended secular date. Merivale writes, 'The emperor Claudius repeated the games in the year A.U.C. 800, disregarding those of Augustus as irregular. Claudius was disregarded in his turn by Domitian, who renewed the celebration in 841, anticipating in his impatience, by six years, the period prescribed by Augustus. To the Augustan computation Severus conformed precisely, and repeated the solemnity in 957, after two intervals of 110 years each. Philippus, however, returned once more to the precedent of Claudius in the year of the City 1000. This was the last celebration.'

The occasion of Augustus' revival or institution of these games was the close of what may be considered the first decade of the empire, the renewal to him (though professedly only for five years more), at his own request, of the 'imperium,' which in B.C. 27 he had, apparently with difficulty, been persuaded to accept for ten years.

The 'quindecimviri' (see on v. 70, and cp. Virg. Aen. 6. 73), the custodians of the Sibylline Books, found in them the requisite instructions. Ateius Capito, a great jurist and antiquarian, was appointed to settle the ceremonies. What these were we should have known with exactness if we had possessed the account which Tacitus gave (see Ann. II. 11), in a book of the Histories now lost, of the celebration in Domitian's reign, on which occasion he was himself one of the quindecimviri and a praetor. As it is, the earliest extant account in literature is that which is printed below from the historian Zosimus (in the middle of the fifth century). He claims, as it will be seen, for it the authority of inscriptions (*ἀναγέγραπται*), and a fortunate discovery has recently enabled us to verify and in one or two points to supplement or correct his description.

In September, 1890, there were found built into a mediaeval wall near the river bank in the old Campus Martius, by the present Church of S. Giovanni de' Fiorentini, the fragments of two columns which were erected in accordance with a *senatus consultum* ('eo loco ubi ludi futuri sint') to record severally the celebrations of the Secular Games under Augustus and under Septimius Severus.

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These fragments have been pieced together, and are now to be seen in the Museo Nazionale by the Baths of Diocletian¹.

According to this inscription the games of B. C. 17 took place on the 1st of June and two following days. The sacrifices described in it as offered by the Emperor and by Agrippa, who is associated with him throughout, are—

I. On three successive *nights*, 'in campo ad Tiberim,'

1. To the Moerae, an offering of ewe-lambs and goats.

2. To the Ilithyiae, an offering of cakes ('popana,' cp. Juv. 6. 541, 'liba,' 'phthoides').

3. To Terra mater.

II. On three successive *days*,

1. On the Capitoline to 'Iuppiter optimus maximus,' an offering of two 'boves mares.'

2. Also on the Capitoline to Juno, two 'boves feminae.'

3. On the Palatine to Apollo and Diana, an offering of cakes, as in the case of the Ilithyiae.

On the last day it is added, 'sacrificioque perfecto pueri XXVII quibus denuntiatur erat patrimi et matrimi et puellae totidem carmen cecinerunt eodemque modo in Capitolio carmen composuit Q. Horatius Flaccus.'

It will be noticed that the list of sacrifices omits those to Dis and Proserpina, which are mentioned by Zosimus. In this it is in accord with Horace's Ode which knows nothing of those deities. Dis and Proserpina were, according to Censorinus, the deities to whom the original 'ludi Tarentini' were dedicated, but Augustus, though linking his 'ludi saeculares' to these in respect of place and much of the ceremonial, gave them a new turn, substituting in the nightly sacrifices the more beneficent for the darker of the Chthonian Powers, the Moerae Ilithyiae and Demeter for Dis and Proserpina, and adding the sacrifices by day to the greater deities, the place of honour being given to Apollo and Diana.

¹ The Augustan inscription has been edited and commented on by Mommsen (*Ephemeris Epigraphica*, 1891, pp. 225-274). There is a valuable paper upon its relation to Horace's poem, by Prof. Slaughter, of Iowa, U.S., in the *Transactions of the American Philological Association*, vol. 26, 1895.

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Account of the Ceremonies from Zosimus (2. 5).

Τοιοῦτος δέ τις ὁ τρόπος ἀναγέγραπται τῆς ἐορτῆς. Περιϋόντες οἱ κήρυκες εἰς τὴν ἐορτὴν συνιέναι πάντας ἐκέλευον ἐπὶ θέαν, ἣν οὔτε πρότερον εἶδον, οὔτε μετὰ ταῦτα θεάσονται¹. Κατὰ δὲ τὴν ὥραν τοῦ θεοῦς, πρὸ ἡμερῶν ὀλίγων τοῦ τὴν θεωρίαν ἀχθῆναι, ἐν τῷ Καπετωλίῳ καὶ ἐν τῷ νεῷ τῷ κατὰ τὸ Παλάτιον οἱ δεκαπέντε ἄνδρες ἐπὶ βήματος καθήμενοι τῷ δήμῳ διανέμουσι τὰ καθάρσια². ταῦτα δὲ ἐστὶ δᾶδες καὶ θείον καὶ ἄσφαλτος· δοῖλοι δὲ τούτων οὐ μετέχουσιν, ἀλλὰ ἐλεύθεροι μόνοι. Συνελθόντος δὲ τοῦ δήμου παντὸς ἐν τε τοῖς ῥηθείσι τόποις καὶ ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ τῆς Ἀρτέμιδος, ὃ ἐν τῷ Ἀουεντίνῳ λόφῳ καθίδρυται, σίτον καὶ κριθὴν ἕκαστος φέρει καὶ κῦαμον³. Καὶ ταῖς Μοίραις ἄγουσι παννυχίδας μετὰ σεμνότητος ἐν (ἐννέα Heyne) νυξίν. Ἐυστάντος δὲ τοῦ χρόνου τῆς ἐορτῆς, ἣν ἐν τρισὶν ἡμέραις ἐν τῷ τοῦ Ἀρεως ἐπιτελοῦσι πεδίῳ, καὶ ταῖς ἴσαις νυξί, καθιερωτο τὰ τελούμενα παρὰ τὴν ὄχθην τοῦ Θύμβριδος ἐν τῷ Τάραντι. Θύουσι δὲ θεοῖς, Διὶ καὶ Ἡρᾷ καὶ Ἀπόλλωνι καὶ Διητοῖ καὶ Ἀρτέμιδι, καὶ προσέτι γε Μοίραις καὶ Εἰλειτουργίαις καὶ Δήμητρι καὶ Αἰδῇ καὶ Περσεφόνῃ. Τῇ δὲ πρώτῃ τῶν θεωριῶν νυκτὶ δευτέρας ὥρας ὁ αὐτοκράτωρ ἐπὶ τὴν ὄχθην τοῦ ποταμοῦ τριῶν παρασκευασθέντων βωμῶν τρεῖς ἄρνας θύει μετὰ τῶν δεκαπέντε ἀνδρῶν καὶ τοὺς βωμοὺς καθαιμάξας ὀλοκαυτοῖ τὰ θύματα. Κατασκευασθείσης δὲ σκηνῆς δίκην θεάτρου φῶτα ἀνάπτεται καὶ πυρά, καὶ ὕμνος ᾄδεται νεωστὶ πεποιημένος, θεωρίαι τε ἱεροπρεπεῖς ἄγονται. Κομίζονται δὲ οἱ ταῦτα ποιοῦντες μισθὸν τὰς ἀπαρχὰς τῶν καρπῶν, σίτου καὶ κριθῆς καὶ κῦαμων· αὐταὶ γάρ, ὥς εἴρηταί μοι, καὶ τῷ δήμῳ παντὶ διανέμονται. Τῇ δὲ μετὰ ταύτην ἡμέρᾳ εἰς τὸ Καπετωλίον ἀναβάντες κἀνταῦθα τὰς νενομισμένας θυσίας προσαγαγόντες, ἐντεῦθεν τε ἐπὶ τὸ κατεσκευασμένον θέατρον ἐλθόντες τὰς θεωρίας ἐπιτελοῦσιν Ἀπόλλωνι καὶ Ἀρτέμιδι. Τῇ δὲ μετὰ ταύτην ἡμέρᾳ γυναῖκες ἐπίσημοι κατὰ τὴν ὥραν, ἣν ὁ χρησμὸς ὑπηγόρευσεν, εἰς τὸ Καπετωλίον συνελθοῦσαι λιτανεύουσι τὸν θεὸν καὶ ὕμνουσιν ὥς θέμις. Ἡμέρᾳ δὲ τρίτῃ ἐν τῷ κατὰ τὸ Παλάτιον Ἀπόλλωνος ἱερῷ τρεῖς ἐννέα παῖδες ἐπιφανεῖς μετὰ παρθένων τοσοούτων, οἱ πάντες ἀμφιθαλεῖς, ὅπερ ἐστίν, ἀμφοτέρους τοὺς γονεῖς ἔχοντες περιόντας, ὕμνους

¹ This is literally from the inscription, if it be rightly completed, 'quod tali spectaculo [nemo iterum intersit].'

² In the inscr. 'purgamenta' and 'suffimenta.'

³ Cp. Sibyll. v. 27.

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ἄδουσι τῇ τε Ἑλλήνων καὶ Ῥωμαίων φωνῇ καὶ παιᾶνας, δι' ὧν αἱ ὑπὸ
 Ῥωμαίοις σώζονται πόλεις· ἄλλα τε κατὰ τὸν ὑφηγημένον παρὰ τοῦ θείου
 τρόπον ἐπράττετο, ὧν ἐπιτελουμένων διέμεινεν ἡ ἀρχὴ Ῥωμαίων ἀλώβητος.
 Ὡς ἂν δὲ καὶ ἐπὶ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀληθῇ ταῦτα εἶναι πιστεύσωμεν, αὐτὸν
 παραθήσομαι τὸν Σιβύλλης χρησμόν, ἥδη πρὸ ἡμῶν παρ' ἐτέρων ἀνε- 35
 νηγμένον·

Ἄλλ' ὁπότεν μήκιστος ἔκη χρόνος ἀνθρώποισι
 Ζωῆς, εἰς ἐτέων ἑκατὸν δέκα κύκλον ὁδεύων,
 Μέννησ', ὦ Ῥωμαῖε, καὶ οὐ μάλα λήσεται αὐτῶν
 Μεμνησθαι τάδε πάντα. Θεοῖσι μὲν ἀθανάτοισι
 Ῥέζειν ἐν Πεδίῳ παρὰ Θύμβριδος ἄπλετον ὕδωρ, 5
 Ὀππῃ στεινότατον, Νύξ ἡνίκα γαῖαν ἐπέλθη,
 Ἡελίου κρύψαντος ἐὼν φάος· ἔνθα σὺ ῤέζειν
 Ἱερὰ ποντογόνοις Μοίραις ἄρνας τε καὶ αἶγας.
 Κυνάεας δ' ἐπὶ ταῖσδ' Εἰλειθυίας ἀρέσασθαι
 Παιδοτόκους θυέεσσιν, ὅπῃ θέμις. Αὐθι δὲ Γαίῃ 10
 Πληθομένη χοῖρός τε καὶ ὕς ἱεροῖτο μέλαινα.
 Ζάλευκοι ταῦροι δὲ Διὸς παρὰ βωμὸν ἀγέσθων
 Ἡματι, μῆδ' ἐπὶ νυκτί· θεοῖσι γὰρ οὐρανίοισι
 Ἡμέριος πέλεται θυέων τρόπος· ὥς δὲ καὶ αὐτως
 Ἱρεύειν· δαμάλης δὲ βοὸς δέμας ἀγλαὸν Ἥρης 15
 Δεξάσθω νηὸς παρὰ σεῦ. Καὶ Φοῖβος Ἀπόλλων,
 Ὅστε καὶ Ἡέλιος κικλήσκειται, ἴσα δεδέχθω
 Θύματα Λητοῖδης· καὶ ἀειδόμενοί τε Λατῖνοι
 Παιᾶνες κούροις κούρησί τε νηὸν ἔχοιεν
 Ἀθανάτων· χωρὶς δὲ κόραι χορὸν αὐταὶ ἔχοιεν 20
 Καὶ χωρὶς παίδων ἄρσην στάχυς, ἀλλὰ γονῶν
 Πάντων ζώνωντων, οἷς ἀμφιθαλὲς ἔτι φύτλη.
 Αἱ δὲ γάμου ζεύγλαισι δεδμημέναι ἥματι κείνῳ
 Γυνῆς Ἥρης παρὰ βωμὸν ἀοίδιμον ἐδριώωσαι
 Δαίμονα λισσέσθωσαν. Ἀπασι δὲ λύματα δοῦναι 25
 Ἀνδράσιν ἡδὲ γυναιξί, μάλιστα δὲ θηλυτέρῃσι.
 Πάντες δ' ἐξ οἴκοιο φερέσθων, ὅσσα κομίζειν
 Ἔστι θέμις θνητοῖσιν ἀπαρχομένοις βιότοιο,
 Δαίμοσι μελιχίοισιν ἰλάσματα καὶ μακάρεσσιν
 Οὐρανίδαις· τὰ δὲ πάντα τεθησαυρισμένα κείσθω, 30
 Ὅφρα τε θηλυτέρῃσι καὶ ἀνδράσιν ἐδριώωσιν

Ἐνθεν πορσύνης μεμνημένος. Ἡμασι δ' ἔστω
 Νυξί τ' ἐπασσυτέρησι θεοπρέπτους κατὰ θώκους
 Παμπληθῆς ἄγυρις· σπουδῇ δὲ γέλωτι μεμίχθω.

Ταῦτά τοι ἐν φρεσὶ σῇσιν αἰεὶ μεμνημένος εἶναι,
 Καί σοι πᾶσα χθὼν Ἰταλὴ καὶ πᾶσα Λατίνη
 Αἰὲν ὑπὸ σκήπτροισιν ὑπανχένιον ζυγὸν ἔξει.

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PHOEBE silvarumque potens Diana,
 lucidum caeli decus, o colendi
 semper et culti, date quae precamur
 tempore sacro,
 quo Silyllini monūere versus 5
 virgines lectas puerosque castos
 dis, quibus septem placuere colles,
 dicere carmen.
 alme Sol, curru nitido diem qui
 promis et celas aliusque et idem 10
 nasceris, possis nihil urbe Roma
 visere maius.
 rite maturos aperire partus
 lenis, Ilithyia, tuere matres,
 sive tu Lucina probas vocari 15
 seu Genitalis :
 diva, producas subolem, patrumque
 prosperes decreta super iugandis
 feminis prolisque novae feraci
 lege marita, 20
 certus undenos decies per annos
 orbis ut cantus referatque ludos
 ter die claro totiensque grata
 nocte frequentis.

In Carm. Saec. et in Epodis notantur lectiones eorundem codd. quorum in Carminibus, addito cod. d

4 sacro *codd. Victorinus* : prisco *Porph.*
 quos *Rēdφψν Acr.* 'id est, Romanos'

5 quo *πυγ* : quod *BAαλ* :
 23 totidem *BAλC*

vosque veraces cecinisse, Parcae, 25
 quod semel dictum est stabilisque rerum
 terminus servet, bona iam peractis
 iungite fata.
 fertilis frugum pecorisque tellus
 spicea donet Cererem corona; 30
 nutriant fetus et aquae salubres
 et Iovis aerae.
 condito mitis placidusque telo
 supplices audi pueros, Apollo;
 siderum regina bicornis, audi, 35
 Luna, puellas:
 Roma si vestrum est opus, Iliaequē
 litus Etruscum tenuere turmae,
 iussa pars mutare Lares et urbem
 sospite cursu, 40
 cui per ardentem sine fraude Troiam
 castus Aeneas patriae superstes
 liberum munivit iter, daturus
 plura relictis:
 di, probos mores docili iuventae, 45
 di, senectuti placidae quietem,
 Romulae genti date remque prolemque
 et decus omne.
 quaque vos bobus veneratur albis
 clarus Anchisae Venerisque sanguis, 50
 impetret, bellante prior, iacentem
 lenis in hostem.
 iam mari terraque manus potentis
 Medus Albanasque timet securis
 iam Scythae responsa petunt superbi 55
 nuper et Indi.

27 servat *Aldus* 39 urbes *BAΛIC* 46 senectuti *BAαλιψυC*:
 senectutis *Rēdανγ*, *schol.* γ, *Bentl.* 51 imperet *Rλφψuv*

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iam Fides et Pax et Honos Pudorque
priscus et neglecta redire Virtus
audet, apparetque beata pleno

Copia cornu. 60

augur et fulgente decorus arcu
Phoebus acceptusque novem Camenis,
qui salutari levat arte fessos

corporis artus,
si Palatinas videt aequus aras, 65
remque Romanam Latiumque felix
alterum in lustrum meliusque semper
prorogat aevum.

quaeque Aventinum tenet Algidumque,
quindecim Diana preces virorum 70
curat et votis puerorum amicas
applicat auris.

haec Iovem sentire deosque cunctos
spem bonam certamque domum reporto,
doctus et Phoebi chorus et Dianae 75
dicere laudes.

65 aras 'codd. Bland.' *Rpnγ Porph.* : arces *BA⁸dφψu*
rogat *VBlvR⁸C* (prerogat *Al*) : proroget *cett. Porph.*

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GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO THE EPODES

'LIBER EPODON,' 'Liber V^{tus} qui Epodon inscribitur,' are the titles by which this Book is headed in MSS., and cited by the grammatical and metrical writers of the fourth and fifth centuries, Marius Victorinus, Diomedes, Fortunatianus. The separate poems are called Odae. The word Epode (ἐπωδός) was a recognized metrical term for the shorter verse of a couplet, which is as it were the echo (ἐπάδεται, 'accinitur') of the longer one, and then συνεκδοχικῶς for the metre or poem (more properly 'carmen epodicum') in which such a sequence occurred¹. Elegiac verses are thus admitted as Epodic by Victorinus (p. 2500), but in common use the term was appropriated to the couplet metres of Archilochus and their Horatian imitations. It may be noticed that such metres are not peculiar to the so-called 'Epodes.' Two of the couplets known specially by Archilochus' name occur only in the Odes (1. 4, and 4. 7), the latter is the one example of an 'Epodus' quoted from Horace by Terentianus Maurus.

Horace's own name for these poems is 'Iambi' (Epod. 14. 7, Od. 1. 16. 3 and 24, Epp. 1. 19. 25), a term which implied their character at least as much as their metre (cp. the Greek verb ἰαμβίζειν, and see Arist. Poet. c. 4, 5, cp. Hor. A. P. 79 'Archilochum proprio rabies armavit iambo').

¹ Terent. Maur. (end of first century), p. 2422, Hephaestion (second century), p. 133 (ed. Gaisford), Mar. Vict. pp. 2500, 2618 foll.; Diomedes, p. 482, Fortunat. p. 2699. The correlative *προπός* is applied sometimes to the first line of a couplet, as the Hexameter in Elegiacs, sometimes to the first line only when it is the shorter of the two, as in Od. 2. 18; but 'Epodus' is used often to cover such couplets as this. Various attempts have been made to find other meanings for the term 'Liber Epodon' as applied to Horace's poems. Scaliger (Poet. 1. 44), ignoring apparently the chronological difficulty, interpreted it to mean 'after Odes.' Torrentius made the word a case of ἐπωδή, 'liber incantationum,' a general name given to the book from the character of two of its most important poems, Epod. 5 and 17.

GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO THE EPODES

All the indications of date to be discovered in the poems themselves fix them to the first period of his life as an author. Their references to current politics, both positively, as in the allusions to the war with Sextus Pompeius, and negatively, in the vagueness with which they deal with the general situation at home (see on Epod. 7 and 16), belong to the decade between the battles of Philippi and Actium. We notice in their style indications which point the same way—occasional harshnesses of construction, a redundancy of epithets, a tendency even in the best poems to poetical commonplace, we may add a grossness of subject and language, which his mature taste would have pruned away. The Epodes stand with the Satires at the opening of Horace's literary life—not unconnected with them in tone, nor in their literary antecedents, nor in their treatment in his hands. The Roman Satirist, he tells us, looked, for all but the poetical form of his composition, to Greek Comedy. In the Epode he has returned to the personal lampoon, the earliest use of poetry for purposes of attack and caricature, and that of which Comedy, according to Aristotle (Poet. 1. c.), was the development. It is in the taste which leads him for models to Lucilius and Archilochus, rather than in any bitterness of special poems, that we may trace probably his own description already referred to (Epp. 2. 2. 51; see *Intro.* to Books i-iii, § 1) of the personal motives that first drove him to write poetry. In any case it is characteristic of the man that his Satires should mellow and humanize into the Epistles, and that the Epodes should drop so early their *λαμβικὴ ἰδέα*, and soften and generalize into the Odes. The process in both cases is nearly complete before the name of the composition is changed.

Horace speaks himself (Epod. 14) of the Book as preparing for publication, and as having occupied some space of time in composition. The date of its publication is generally held to be fixed by the relation between Epod. 9 and Od. 1. 37, to the year B.C. 31-30.

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EPODON LIBER

I

IBIS Liburnis inter alta navium,
amice, propugnacula,
paratus omne Caesaris periculum
subire, Maecenas, tuo.
quid nos, quibus te vita si superstitute 5
iucunda, si contra, gravis?
utrumne iussi persequemur otium,
non dulce, ni tecum simul,
an hunc laborem mente laturi decet
qua ferre non mollis viros? 10
feremus et te vel per Alpium iuga
inhospitalem et Caucasum
vel Occidentis usque ad ultimum sinum
forti sequemur pectore.
roges, tuum labore quid iuven meo, 15
imbellis ac firmus parum?
comes minore sum futurus in metu,
qui maior absentis habet;

EPODON] BAaRλδφψu Porph. Acr. 'liber quintus qui Epodon inscribitur' Diomedes

I 5 si codd. plerique Porph. : om. ατR^sγ : sit Aldus 15 labore
coni. Glareanus : laborem codd.

ut adsidens implumibus pullis avis
 serpentium allapsus timet 20
 magis relictis, non, ut adsit, auxili
 latura plus praesentibus.
 libenter hoc et omne militabitur
 bellum in tuae spem gratiae,
 non ut iuvençis illigata pluribus 25
 aratra nitantur mea,
 pecusve Calabris ante sidus fervidum
 Lucana mutet pascuis,
 neque ut superni villa candens Tusculi
 Circaea tangat moenia. 30
 satis superque me benignitas tua
 ditavit: haud paravero,
 quod aut avarus ut Chremes terra premam,
 discinctus aut perdam nepos.

II

'BEATVS ille, qui procul negotiis,
 ut prisca gens mortalium,
 paterna rura bobus exercet suis,
 solutus omni faenore,
 neque excitatur classico miles truci, 5
 neque horret iratum mare,
 forumque vitat et superba civium
 potentiorum limina.
 ergo aut adulta vitium propagine
 altas maritat populos, 10
 aut in reducta valle mugientium
 prospectat errantis greges,
 inutilisque falce ramos amputans
 feliciores inserit,

21 ut adsit (*vel* assit) *BAaλIR^sγ Porph.* : ut sit *Rδφψππ* : uti sit
 'unus ex Bland.' *Bentl.* 26 mea σ *Bentl.* : meis *codd. plerique*
 28 pascua *Aa* IC (pascua *B*) 34 ut nepos *Rδφψπγ*

aut pressa puris mella condit amphoris, 15
 aut tondet infirmas ovis ;
 vel cum decorum mitibus pomis caput
 Autumnus agris extulit,
 ut gaudet insitiva decerpens pira
 certantem et uvam purpurae, 20
 qua muneretur te, Priape, et te, pater
 Silvane, tutor finium !
 libet iacere modo sub antiqua ilice,
 modo in tenaci gramine :
 labuntur altis interim rivis aquae, 25
 queruntur in silvis aves,
 fontesque lymphis obstrepunt manantibus,
 somnos quod invitet levis.
 at cum tonantis annus hibernus Iovis
 imbris nivesque comparat, 30
 aut trudit acris hinc et hinc multa cane
 apros in obstantis plagas,
 aut amite levi rara tendit retia,
 turdis edacibus dolos,
 pavidumque leporem et advenam laqueo gruem 35
 iucunda captat praemia.
 quis non malarum, quas amor curas habet,
 haec inter obliviscitur ?
 quodsi pudica mulier in partem iuvet
 domum atque dulcis liberos, 40
 Sabina qualis aut perusta solibus
 pernicious uxore Apuli,
 sacrum vetustis exstruat lignis focum
 lassi sub adventum viri,
 claudensque textis cratibus laetum pecus 45
 distenta siccet ubera,

23 *Novum Epodum incipiunt AaλIR^sγCg et ut videtur Acr., con-*
tinuant cett. codd. Porph. 25 *rivis VBδφψuL Benth. : ripis cett.*
codd. 27 *frondes coni. Markland* 37-70 *om. B*

et horna dulci vina promens dolio
 dapes inemptas apparet;
 non me Lucrina iuverint conchylia
 magisve rhombus aut scari, 50
 si quos Eois intonata fluctibus
 hiems ad hoc vertat mare,
 non Afra avis descendat in ventrem meum,
 non attagen Ionicus
 iucundior, quam lecta de pinguissimis 55
 oliva ramis arborum
 aut herba lapathi prata amantis et gravi
 malvae salubres corpori,
 vel agna festis caesa Terminalibus
 vel haedus ereptus lupo. 60
 has inter epulas ut iuvat pastas ovis
 videre properantis domum,
 videre fessos vomerem inversum boves
 collo trahentis languido,
 positosque vernas, ditis examen domus, 65
 circum renidentis Lares!
 haec ubi locutus faenerator Alfius,
 iam iam futurus rusticus,
 omnem redegit Idibus pecuniam,
 quaerit Kalendis ponere. 70

III

PARENTIS olim si quis impia manu
 senile guttur fregerit,
 edit cicutis alium nocentius.
 o dura messorum ilia!
 quid hoc veneni saevit in praecordiis? 5
 num viperinus his cruor
 incoctus herbis me fefellit, an malas
 Canidia tractavit dapes?

ut Argonautas praeter omnis candidum
 Medea mirata est ducem, 10
 ignota tauris illigaturum iuga
 perunxit hoc Iasonem ;
 hoc delibutis ulta donis paelicem
 serpente fugit alite.
 nec tantus umquam siderum insedit vapor 15
 siticulosae Apuliae,
 nec munus umeris efficacis Herculis
 inarsit aestuosius.
 at si quid umquam tale concupiveris,
 iocose Maecenas, precor 20
 manum puella savio opponat tuo,
 extrema et in sponda cubet.

IV

LVPIS et agnis quanta sortito obtigit,
 tecum mihi discordia est,
 Hibericis peruste funibus latus
 et crura dura compede.
 licet superbus ambules pecunia, 5
 fortuna non mutat genus.
 videsne, Sacram metiente te viam
 cum bis trium ulnarum toga,
 ut ora vertat huc et huc euntium
 liberrima indignatio? 10
 'sectus flagellis hic triumviralibus
 praeconis ad fastidium
 arat Falerni mille fundi iugera
 et Appiam mannis terit,

III 9-22 *om. B*

IV 8 trium *ex coni. editores* : ter *codd. vel t̄ ut B*

sedilibusque magnus in primis eques 15
 Othone contempto sedet.
 quid attinet tot ora navium gravi
 rostrata duci pondere
 contra latrones atque servilem manum
 hoc, hoc tribuno militum?' 20

V

At, o deorum quidquid in caelo regit
 terras et humanum genus,
 quid iste fert tumultus? et quid omnium
 vultus in unum me truces?
 per liberos te, si vocata partibus 5
 Lucina veris adfuit,
 per hoc inane purpurae decus precor,
 per improbaturum haec Iovem,
 quid ut noverca me intueris aut uti
 petita ferro belua?' 10
 ut haec trementi questus ore constitit
 insignibus raptis puer,
 impube corpus, quale posset impia
 mollire Thracum pectora,
 Canidia, brevibus implicata viperis 15
 crinis et incompertum caput,
 iubet sepulcris caprificos erutas,
 iubet cupressus funebris
 et uncta turpis ova ranae sanguine
 plumamque nocturnae strigis 20
 herbasque, quas Iolcos atque Hiberia
 mittit venenorum ferax,
 et ossa ab ore rapta ieiunae canis
 flammis aduri Colchicis.

V 1 regis λιδφψππ
 R Cg Porph.

15 implicata RδφψππνLγ: illigata BAaλI

at expedita Sagana per totam domum 25
 spargens Avernalis aquas
 horret capillis ut marinus asperis
 echinus aut currens aper.
 abacta nulla Veia conscientia
 ligonibus duris humum 30
 exhauriebat ingemens laboribus,
 quo posset infossus puer
 longo die bis terque mutatae dapis
 inemori spectaculo,
 cum promineret ore, quantum exstant aqua 35
 suspensa mento corpora ;
 exsecta uti medulla et aridum iecur
 amoris esset poculum,
 interminato cum semel fixae cibo
 intabuissent pupulae. 40
 non defuisse masculae libidinis
 Ariminensem Foliam
 et otiosa credidit Neapolis
 et omne vicinum oppidum,
 quae sidera excantata voce Thessala 45
 lunamque caelo deripit.
 hic irresectum saeva dente livido
 Canidia rodens pollicem
 quid dixit aut quid tacuit? 'o rebus meis
 non infideles arbitrae, 50
 Nox et Diana, quae silentium regis
 arcana cum fiunt sacra,
 nunc, nunc adeste, nunc in hostilis domos
 iram atque numen vertite !
 formidulosus cum latent silvis ferae 55
 dulci sopore languidae,

37 exsecta (*vel* execta) *codd. plerique* : exsucta *secunda manu* λC
 55 cum *codd. plerique* : dum δφψππ

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senem, quod omnes rideant, adulterum
 latrent Suburanae canes
 nardo perunctum, quale non perfectius
 meae laborarint manus. 60
 quid accidit? cur dira barbarae minus
 venena Medae valent,
 quibus superbam fugit ulta paelicem,
 magni Creontis filiam,
 cum palla, tabo munus imbutum, novam 65
 incendio nuptam abstulit?
 atqui nec herba nec latens in asperis
 radix fefellit me locis.
 indormit unctis omnium cubilibus
 oblivione paelicum. 70
 a! a! solutus ambulat veneficae
 scientioris carmine.
 non usitatis, Vare, potionibus,
 o multa fleturum caput,
 ad me recurres, nec vocata mens tua 75
 Marsis redibit vocibus:
 maius parabo, maius infundam tibi
 fastidienti poculum,
 priusque caelum sidet inferius mari,
 tellure porrecta super, 80
 quam non amore sic meo flagres uti
 bitumen atris ignibus.
 sub haec puer iam non ut ante mollibus
 lenire verbis impias,
 sed dubius unde rumperet silentium 85
 misit Thyesteas preces:

60 laborarint *VRδφψπuy*: laborarunt *BAa^rIR^sC*
 perbam *VRλλιφψu*: superba *BAaⁿR^sγC* *Acr.*
BAaC

63 su-
 65 infectum

'venena magnum fas nefasque, non valent
 convertere humanam vicem ;
 diris agam vos ; dira detestatio
 nulla expiatur victima : 90
 quin, ubi perire iussus exspiravero,
 nocturnus occurram Furor
 petamque vultus umbra curvis unguibus,
 quae vis deorum est manium,
 et inquietis adsidens praecordiis 95
 pavore somnos auferam :
 vos turba viciatim hinc et hinc saxis petens
 contundet obscenas anus ;
 post insepulta membra different lupi
 et Esquilinae alites ; 100
 neque hoc parentes heu mihi superstites
 effugerit spectaculum.'

VI

QUID immerentis hospites vexas canis
 ignavus adversum lupos ?
 quin huc inanis, si potes, vertis minas,
 et me remorsurum petis ?
 nam qualis aut Molossus aut fulvus Lacon, 5
 amica vis pastoribus,
 agam per altas aure sublata nives,
 quaecumque praecedet fera :
 tu cum timenda voce complesti nemus,
 proiectum odoraris cibum. 10
 cave, cave : namque in malos asperrimus
 parata tollo cornua,

87 magnum *codd.* *Porph.* : maga non *coni.* *Haupt* 88 humanam
 vicem *codd.* *Porph.* : humana invicem *coni.* *Keller* 102 effugerint
BAαλλnC

VI 3 vertis *vulg. gloss.* γ 'vertis pro verte, petis pro pete' : verte
V δφψu et secunda manu BR 4 petis *vulg.* : pete δφψu : petes l

qualis Lycambæ spretus infido gener,
 aut acer hostis Bupalò.
 an si quis atro dente me petiverit,
 inultus ut flebo puer?

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VII

Qvo, quo scelesti ruitis? aut cur dexteris
 aptantur enses conditi?
 parumne campis atque Neptuno super
 fusum est Latini sanguinis,
 non, ut superbas invidae Carthaginis
 Romanus arces ureret,
 intactus aut Britannus ut descenderet
 Sacra catenatus via,
 sed ut secundum vota Parthorum sua
 urbs haec periret dextera?
 neque hic lupis mos nec fuit leonibus
 umquam nisi in dispar feris.
 furorne caecus, an rapit vis acrior,
 an culpa? responsum date!
 tacent et albus ora pallor inficit
 mentesque percussae stupent.
 sic est: acerba fata Romanos agunt
 scelusque fraternae necis,
 ut immerentis fluxit in terram Remi
 sacer nepotibus cruor.

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IX

QVANDO repostum Caecubum ad festas dapes
 victore laetus Caesare
 tecum sub alta—sic Iovi gratum—domo,
 beate Maecenas, bibam
 sonante mixtum tibiis carmen lyra,
 hac Dorium, illis barbarum,

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VII 12 umquam *codd.* : numquam *editio Veneta an. 1492 Bentl.*
 caecos γ *Bentl.*

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ut nuper, actus cum freto Neptunius
 dux fugit ustis navibus,
 minatus Vrbi vincla, quae detraxerat
 servis amicus perfidis? 10
 Romanus, eheu,—posterī negabitis—
 emancipatus feminae
 fert vallum et arma miles et spadonibus
 servire rugosis potest,
 interque signa turpe militaria 15
 sol aspicit conopium.
 ad hunc frementes verterunt bis mille equos
 Galli, canentes Caesarem,
 hostiliumque navium portu latent
 puppes sinistrorsum citae. 20
 io Triumphe, tu moraris aureos
 currus et intactas boves?
 io Triumphe, nec Iugurthino parem
 bello reportasti ducem,
 neque Africanum, cui super Carthaginem 25
 virtus sepulcrum condidit.
 terra marique victus hostis Punico
 lugubre mutavit sagum.
 aut ille centum nobilem Cretam urbibus
 ventis iturus non suis, 30
 exercitatas aut petit Syrtis Noto,
 aut fertur incerto mari.
 capaciores adfer huc, puer, scyphos
 et Chia vina aut Lesbia:
 vel quod fluentem nauseam coerceat 35
 metire nobis Caecubum:
 curam metumque Caesaris rerum iuvat
 dulci Lyaeo solvere.

IX 13-38 *om. B* 17 ad hunc *codd. plerique Acr.*: adhuc *Al*:
 at huc *comm. Cruq.* Editorum alii alia coniecērunt: ad hoc *Bentl.*: at
 hui *Gow &c.* 25 *Africano λφL comm. Cruq. ut videtur*: *Africani*
ex coni. Madvig Kicssling

X

MALA soluta navis exit alite,
 ferens olentem Maevium :
 ut horridis utrumque verberes latus,
 Auster, memento fluctibus.
 niger rudentis Eurus inverso mari 5
 fractosque remos differat ;
 insurgat Aquilo, quantus altis montibus
 frangit trementis ilices ;
 nec sidus atra nocte amicum appareat,
 qua tristis Orion cadit ; 10
 quietiore nec feratur aequore
 quam Graia victorum manus,
 cum Pallas usto vertit iram ab Ilio
 in impiam Aiakis ratem !
 o quantus instat navitis sudor tuis 15
 tibiue pallor luteus
 et illa non virilis eiulatio,
 preces et aversum ad Iovem,
 Ionius udo cum remugiens sinus
 Noto carinam ruperit ! 20
 opima quodsi praeda curvo litore
 porrecta mergos iuverit,
 libidinosus immolabitur caper
 et agna Tempestatibus.

XI

PETTI, nihil me sicut antea iuvat
 scribere versiculos amore percutsum gravi,
 hic tertius December, ex quo destiti 5
 Inachia furere, silvis honorem decutit.
 heu me, per Urbem—nam pudet tanti mali—
 fabula quanta fui ! conviviorum et paenitet,

X 22 iuveris *Lambini codd. comm. Cruq.*

in quis amantem languor et silentium
 arguit et latere petitus imo spiritus. 10
 'contrane lucrum nil valere candidum
 pauperis ingenium?' querebar applorans tibi,
 simul calentis inverecundus deus
 fervidiore mero arcana promorat loco.
 'quodsi meis inaestu et praecordiis 15
 libera bilis, ut haec ingrata ventis dividat
 fomenta vulnus nil malum levantia,
 desinet imparibus certare summotus pudor.'
 ubi haec severus te palam laudaveram,
 iussus abire domum ferebar incerto pede 20
 ad non amicos heu mihi postis et heu
 limina dura, quibus lumbos et infregi latus.

XIII

HORRIDA tempestas caelum contraxit et imbres
 nivesque deducunt Iovem; nunc mare, nunc silvae
 Threicio Aquilone sonant: rapiamus, amici,
 occasionem de die, dumque virent genua
 et decet, obducta solvatur fronte senectus. 5
 tu vina Torquato move consule pressa meo:
 cetera mitte loqui: deus haec fortasse benigna
 reducet in sedem vice. nunc et Achaemenio
 perfundi nardo iuvat et fide Cyllenea
 levare diris pectora sollicitudinibus; 10
 nobilis ut grandi cecinit Centaurus alumno:
 'invicte, mortalis dea nate puer Thetide,
 te manet Assaraci tellus, quam frigida parvi
 findunt Scamandri flumina lubricus et Simois;
 unde tibi redditum certo subtemine Parcae 15
 rupere, nec mater domum caerulea te revehet.
 illic omne malum vino cantuque levato,
 deformis aegrimoniae dulcibus alloquiis.'

XIV

MOLLIS inertia cur tantam diffuderit imis
 oblivionem sensibus,
 pocula Lethaeos ut si ducentia somnos
 arente fauce traxerim,
 candide Maecenas, occidis saepe rogando :
 deus, deus nam me vetat
 inceptos, olim promissum carmen, iambos
 ad umbilicum adducere.
 non aliter Samio dicunt arsisse Bathyllo
 Anacreonta Teium,
 qui persaepe cava testudine flevit amorem
 non elaboratum ad pedem.
 ureris ipse miser : quodsi non pulchrior ignis
 accendit obsessam Ilion,
 gaude sorte tua ; me libertina neque uno
 contenta Phryne macerat.

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XV

Nox erat et caelo fulgebat luna sereno
 inter minora sidera,
 cum tu magnorum numen laesura deorum
 in verba iurabas mea,
 artius atque hedera procera adstringitur ilex,
 lentis adhaerens bracchiis,
 dum pecori lupo et nautis infestus Orion
 turbaret hibernum mare,
 intonsosque agigaret Apollinis aura capillos,
 fore hunc amorem mutuum.
 o dolitura mea multum virtute Neaera !
 nam si quid in Flacco viri est,
 non feret adsiduas potiori te dare noctes,
 et quaeret iratus parem,

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nec semel offensae cedit constantia formae, 15
 si certus intrarit dolor.
 et tu, quicumque es felicior atque meo nunc
 superbus incedis malo,
 sis pecore et multa dives tellure licebit, 20
 tibi que Pactolus fluat,
 nec te Pythagorae fallant arcana renati,
 formaque vincas Nirea,
 heu heu translato alio maerebis amores :
 ast ego vicissim risero.

XVI

ALTERA iam teritur bellis civilibus aetas,
 suis et ipsa Roma viribus ruit :
 quam neque finitimi valuerunt perdere Marsi
 minacis aut Etrusca Porsenae manus,
 aemula nec virtus Capuae nec Spartacus acer 5
 novisque rebus infidelis Allobrox,
 nec fera caerulea domuit Germania pube
 parentibusque abominatus Hannibal,
 impia perdemus devoti sanguinis aetas,
 ferisque rursus occupabitur solum. 10
 barbarus heu cineres insistet victor et Urbem
 eques sonante verberabit ungula,
 quaeque carent ventis et solibus ossa Quirini,
 nefas videre ! dissipabit insolens.
 forte quid expediat communiter aut melior pars 15
 malis carere quaeritis laboribus.
 nulla sit hac potior sententia, Phocaeorum
 velut profugit exsecrata civitas

XV 22 Nirea aR : Nerea cett. Vid. ad Carm. iii. 20. 15 23 heu
 heu aR δδλινυγ : eheu eheu B : eheu heu A : eheu φψ
 XVI 4 Porsenae δ : Porsinae R : Porsennae plerique 15 quid
 omnes fere codd. : quod τσ Bentl.

agros atque Lares patrios, habitandaque fana
 apris reliquit et rapacibus lupis, 20
 ire pedes quocumque ferent, quocumque per undas
 Notus vocabit aut protervus Africanus.
 sic placet? an melius quis habet suadere? secunda
 ratem occupare quid moramur alite?
 sed iuremus in haec: simul imis saxa renarint 25
 vadis levata, ne redire sit nefas;
 neu conversa domum pigeat dare lintea, quando
 Padus Matina laverit cacumina,
 in mare seu celsus procurrerit Appenninus,
 novaque monstra iunxerit libidine 30
 mirus amor, iuvet ut tigris subsidere cervis,
 adulteretur et columba miluo,
 credula nec ravos timeant armenta leones,
 ametque salsa levis hircus aequora.
 haec et quae poterunt reditus abscindere dulcis 35
 eamus omnis exsecrata civitas,
 aut pars indocili melior grege; mollis et exspes
 inominata perprimat cubilia!
 vos quibus est virtus, muliebrem tollite luctum,
 Etrusca praeter et volate litora. 40
 nos manet Oceanus circumvagus: arva, beata
 petamus arva, divites et insulas,
 reddit ubi Cererem tellus inarata quotannis
 et imputata floret usque vinea,
 germinat et numquam fallentis termes olivae, 45
 suamque pulla ficus ornat arborem,
 mella cava manant ex ilice, montibus altis
 levis crepante lympha desilit pede.
 illic iniussae veniunt ad mulctra capellae,
 refertque tentā grex amicus ubera; 50

23-26 om. B
 flavos cett.

33 ravos 'quatuor codd. Bland.' BA: saevos λl:

EPODON XVI

nec vespertinus circumgemit ursus ovile,
 neque intumescit alta viperis humus :
 pluraque felices mirabimur ; ut neque largis
 aquosus Eurus arva radat imbribus,
 pingua nec siccis urantur semina glaebris, 55
 utrumque rege temperante caelitum.
 non huc Argoo contendit remige pinus,
 neque impudica Colchis intulit pedem ;
 non huc Sidonii torserunt cornua nautae
 laboriosa nec cohors Vlixei : 60
 nulla nocent pecori contagia, nullius astri
 gregem aestuosa torret impotentia.
 Iuppiter illa piaae secrevit litora genti,
 ut inquinavit aere tempus aureum ;
 aere, dehinc ferro duravit saecula, quorum 65
 piis secunda vate me datur fuga.

XVII

IAM iam efficaci do manus scientiae,
supplex et oro regna per Proserpinae,
 per et Diānae non movenda numina,
 per atque libros carminum valentium
 refixa caelo devocare sidera, 5
 Canidia, parce vocibus tandem sacris,
 citumque retro solve, solve turbinem.
 movit nepotem Telephus Nereium,
 in quem superbus ordinarat agmina
 Mysorum et in quem tela acuta torserat : 10
 unxere matres Iliae addictum feris
 alitibus atque canibus homicidam Hectorem,
 postquam relictis moenibus rex procidit

52 om. B 61 astri *vulg.* : austri *Βπυγ* 65 aerea *ΑλΙ*
 XVII 5 refixa *ΒΑαγC* *schol.* γ : defixa *cett.* 11 unxere 'quatuor
codd. Bland. αRδδφψπR^s γ : luxere *ΒΑΛΙCg* : vinxere u

heu pervicacis ad pedes Achillei :	
saetosa duris exuere pellibus	15
laboriosi remiges Vlixei	
volente Circa membra ; tunc mens et sonus	
relapsus atque notus in vultus honor.	
dedi satis superque poenarum tibi,	
amata nautis multum et institoribus :	20
fugit iuventus et verecundus color	
reliquit ossa pelle amicta lurida ;	
tuis capillus albus est odoribus ;	
nullum ab labore me reclinat otium ;	
urget diem nox et dies noctem, neque est	25
levare tenta spiritu praecordia.	
ergo negatum vincor ut credam miser,	
Sabella pectus increpare carmina	
caputque Marsa dissilire nenia.	
quid amplius vis ? o mare, o terra, ardeo	30
quantum neque atro delibutus Hercules	
Nessi cruore nec Sicana fervida	
virens in Aetna flamma : tu, donec cinis	
iniuriosis aridus ventis ferar,	
cales venenis officina Colchicis.	35
quae finis aut quod me manet stipendium ?	
effare : iussas cum fide poenas luam,	
paratus expiare, seu poposceris	
centum iuencos, sive mendaci lyra	
voles sonari, tu pudica, tu proba	40
perambulabis astra sidus aureum.	
infamis Helenae Castor offensus vice	
fraterque magni Castoris, victi prece,	
adempta vati reddidere lumina :	
et tu, potes nam, solve me dementia,	45

o nec paternis obsoleta sordibus,
 neque in sepulcris pauperum prudens anus
 novendialis dissipare pulveres.
 tibi hospitale pectus et purae manus,
 tuusque venter Pactumeius, et tuo 50
 cruore rubros obstetrix pannos lavit,
 utcumque fortis exsilis puerpera.

‘quid obseratis auribus fundis preces?
 non saxa nudis surdiora navitis
 Neptunus alto tundit hibernus salo. 55

inultus ut tu riseris Cotyttia
 vulgata, sacrum liberi Cupidinis,
 et Esquilini pontifex venefici
 impune ut Urbem nomine impleris meo?
 quid proderat ditasse Paelignas anus, 60
 velociusve miscuisse toxicum?

sed tardiora fata te votis manent:
 ingrata misero vita ducenda est in hoc,
 novis ut usque suppetas laboribus.

optat quietem Pelopis infidi pater, 65
 egens benignae Tantalus semper dapis,
 optat Prometheus obligatus aliti,

optat supremo collocare Sisyphus
 in monte saxum; sed vetant leges Iovis.
 voles modo altis desilire turribus, 70

modo ense pectus Norico recludere,
 frustra que vincla gutturi nectes tuo,
 fastidiosa tristis aegrimonia.

vectabor umeris tunc ego inimicis eques,
 meaeque terra cedet insolentiae. 75
 an quae movere cereas imagines,

60 proderat *BAΛ*: proderis *R*: proderit *cett.* 62 sed
BAaRR³Cg: si *cett.* *Porph.* 64 laboribus *BAΛC*: doloribus
cett. schol. γ

ut ipse nosti curiosus, et polo
deripere lunam vocibus possim meis,
possim crematos excitare mortuos
desiderique temperare pocula,
plorem artis in te nil agentis exitus?’

NOTES

ODES. BOOK I

ODE I

'MEN have different ideas of glory and happiness—success in the Olympic games, civic honours, wealth. The farmer will not turn trader for any prospect of riches, nor the trader give up the sea for any danger. One likes a life of ease; another the excitements of war or sport. My taste is lyric poetry, and my glory that you should rank me with the lyric poets of Greece.'

The Ode is clearly written as an introduction, and there is in it some irony. (Cp. the tone of Od. 3. 30, when the work is done.) It is addressed to Maecenas, as is the first of the Epodes, the first of the Satires, the first of Book i of the Epistles; and so, like them, it serves as a dedication.

Compare also Od. 4. 3, which recalls the main thoughts of this Ode, though its confident tone and the absence of a patron's name point the change which had by that time come upon the poet's circumstances. There is no need in either Ode to trace the 'incongruous' mention of the Olympic games as among the natural objects of ambition to the remembrance of any special Greek original, such as Pind. Fr. 201:—

ἀελλοπόδων μὲν τιν' ἐφφραίνουσιν ἵππων
τίμια καὶ στέφανοι τοὺς δ' ἐν πολυχρύσοις θαλάμοις βιοτά, κτλ.

The purpose is to give the feeling of a wide survey of human life, and Horace does not draw a strong line between the Greek life which survived in literature and the actual Roman life of his own day. The apology for poetry, as one among the various tastes of mankind, is as old at least as Solon (2. 43-52), and Horace would remember the end of Virg. G. 2, esp. vv. 503 foll. For the same thoughts in a less poetical form, cp. Sat. 2. 1. 27 foll. 'Quot capitum vivunt, totidem studiorum Milia: me pedibus delectat claudere verba,' &c.

It should be noticed that, though Horace seems to be only apologizing for his own pursuit of writing poetry, as not more unaccountable than the many others which divide mankind, yet, when he

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comes to speak of it, the terms he uses are such as imply that it is better than any of them, its pleasure purer, its rewards higher.

Metre—*First Asclepiad*.

1. See on 3. 29. 1 'Tyrrhena regum progenies.' If there is not the full purpose in the address which there is in Sat. 1. 6. 1, it is not an irrelevant compliment; in connexion with the next line it has the force of 'so far above us, yet whose power is my protection, and whose glory is my pride.' The Cilnii, Maecenas' ancestors on his father's side, are named (Liv. 10. 3) as a powerful family at Arretium in the fourth century B.C.

atavis, 'ancestors,' cp. Virg. Aen. 7. 56 'Turnus avis atavisque potens.' When contrasted with other compounds of 'avus,' 'atavus' = ἐπίπαππος, the fifth ancestor: 'pater, avus, proavus, abavus, atavus,' Plaut. Pers. 1. 2. 6.

edite, Virg. Aen. 8. 137 'Electram maximus Atlas Edidit.'

2. Cp. Od. 2. 17. 4 'mearum Grande decus columenque rerum'; Ep. 1. 1. 103 'rerum tutela mearum'; Virg. Aen. 2. 40 'O decus, O famae merito pars maxima nostrae.' That here, as with the corresponding word in the *epithetum* is in the emphatic place, 'to me'

3. sunt quos 'Sunt qui' may take either a *Subjunctive* in which case it has its consecutive force: 'sunt qui dicunt' 'there are people to say': or an *Indicative*, in which case 'sunt qui nescio quis,' becomes a new pronoun, the subject of a definite categorical statement. The former is the more Latin construction, more consonant with the usages of the Relative, and is preferred in prose, although the Indicative is also found, as in Sall. Cat. 19. 4, where see Kritz's note. Horace, swayed perhaps by his love of Greek constructions, prefers the Indicative, after the model of εἰσιν οἱ. Cp. Od. 1. 7. 5, Sat. 1. 4. 24. But he uses the Subjunctive also, Sat. 1. 2. 28, 1. 4. 74, Epp. 1. 1. 77. In some cases the text is doubtful, as in Sat. 2. 1. 1. In Epp. 2. 2. 183 'Sunt qui non habeant, est qui non curat habere,' he seems to use the two constructions as a means of contrasting the vagueness of a general statement with the definiteness of a known particular instance. 'There are who have not: I know one who cares not to have.'

circulo may mean either the 'course,' as in Cic. Mur. 27. 57 'circulorum curriculum,' or the 'chariot,' as in Ov. Trist. 4. 8 'circulo gravis est facta ruina meo.'

4. collegisse. On comparison with Sat. 1. 4. 31 'pulvis collectus turbine,' perhaps rather 'to have raised a cloud of dust' than 'to have become dusty.' For the Perf. see on 3. 4. 52.

fervidis, Virg. G. 3. 167 'volat vi fervidus axis;,' the object was to round the 'metae' as closely as possible, and with the chariot going at full speed.

5. palma nobilis, 'the palm of glory,' Paus. 8. 48 ἐς δὲ τὴν δεξιάν ἐστι καὶ πανταχοῦ τῷ νικῶντι ἐστιθέμενος φθῖνιξ.

6. **terrarum dominos.** Ovid seems to have taken these words as in apposition to 'deos,' Pont. 1. 35 'Nam tua non alio coluit penetralia ritu Terrarum dominos quam colis ipse deos,' where the play lies in applying to the gods a familiar designation but in a new sense; 'the gods' being a metaphorical term for Caesar and his family. Lucan (8. 208) uses the expression again in the sense merely of 'kings,' the original passage probably being hardly in his mind. Dillenburger would take 'terrarum dominos' here as = 'quasi sint facti terrarum domini,' 'raises them to heaven, very lords of the world,' i. e. in their own feeling and estimation (cp. Od. 4. 2. 17 'quos Elea domum reducit Palma caelestis'); and he is followed by many editors. Ovid's imitation perhaps shows that this is wrong; but the same sense is to be elicited from the simpler way of taking the words; 'raises them to the gods in so far as the gods are "terrarum domini,"' i. e. 'makes them like gods, lords of the world.' Those who have constructed the verse (see next note) with the sentence which follows, have sometimes taken the words as a designation of the Romans, who are contrasted with the Greeks, the objects of the preceding verses. Cp. the contrast of the two peoples in the parallel Od. 4. 3. 3-9. The expression would then be the same as Virgil's 'Romanos rerum dominos,' Aen. 1. 282; but Mr. Yonge rightly points out that in Virgil it is used of the Romans *collectively*, and that we still lack proof that it could have been tolerated if used, as it would be here, of *individuals*.

7-9. **hunc . . . illum.** We must supply 'iuvat' from v. 4. The interposition of the fresh verb 'evehit' has been felt to be a difficulty. Bentley avoided it by altering 'evehit' to 'evehere,' which he took with 'nobilis,' as 'superare pugnis nobilem,' Od. 1. 12. 24. Rutgers had previously suggested the course which has been followed lately by Maclean and Munro, supported by 'the emphatic advocacy of Dr. Kennedy.' They put a full stop at 'nobilis,' making 'evehit' the verb of the new sentence. The serious objection to this view lies in the break of rhythm, resulting in an anti-climax, caused by stopping at 'nobilis.' The parallels which Munro alleges, such as 3. 30. 5, do not touch the poverty of 'palmaque nobilis' if it is the subject of the preceding verb, the last in a series which descends both in fulness of sense and in weight of sound.

7. **mobiliū.** The epithet, if it reflects the poet's own feeling (cp. Epp. 1. 19. 34 'ventosae plebis,' Od. 3. 2. 20 'popularis aurae'), suits also the feeling of the poem. It is the parallel of the 'dust' of v. 3, the dangers of v. 24, the discomforts of v. 25, &c. 'Each pursuit has its drawbacks, yet men follow it in spite of them.'

turba has a similar force, something of Juvenal's 'turba Remi,' 10. 73. Cp. Cicero on the uncertainty of the comitia, Mur. 17. 35 'quod enim fretum, quem Euripum, tot motus, tantas, tam varias habere putatis agitationes commutationesque fluctuum, quantas perturbationes et quantos aestus habet ratio comitorum?' Planc. 4. 9 'Non est consilium in vulgo, non ratio, non discrimen.'

8. **certat tollere.** See App. 2. § 1.

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tergeminis. 'Tergemini' properly meant 'three born at a birth,' as 'gemi' (Plaut. Amph. 1. 2. 28 'duos geminos') by usage meant two so born. Afterwards it was used generally for 'triple,' cp. 'centumgeminus' (Virg. Aen. 6. 287), &c.

honoribus, the abl. as 'Cl. Marcellum pontificatu . . . extulit,' Tac. Ann. 1. 3. Some difficulty seems to have been early felt in identifying the 'three offices,' for the Schol. explains 'finitus numerus pro infinito, vel etiam aut quaestura, aut praetura aut consulatu.' The ref. is to the 'certus ordo magistratuum,' which were ordinarily the offices of quaestor, curule aedile, praetor, consul. The 'three' may be the three last, as the three 'curule' magistracies; or the first and the two last, the office of aedile being not unfrequently omitted. In the comparison in Cic. Mur. of the careers of Murena and Sulpicius the only three offices through which they are traced are those of quaestor, praetor, consul.

9. **proprio horreo.** Cp. 3. 16. 26 'si quidquid arat impiger Apulus Occultare meis diceret horreis.' 'To store in his own granary all that is swept up from the threshing-floors of Libya,' is one of the metaphorical descriptions of the passion for enormous properties of which there are so many in Horace. See the later stanzas of that Ode, and 2. 2. 10 foll.

11. **gaudentem,** 'one whose pleasure it is.' The point of the following lines is the *tenacity* with which men cling to their own pursuit; so the instance taken is no longer the lordly owner of a 'latifundium' in the provinces, but the humble cultivator of an 'avitus fundus,' 1. 12. 44.

findere sarculo. The verb and the implement seem to imply difficult and personal work; a harsher soil as well as a smaller farm. Contrast 'scindere' and 'proscindere,' used of ploughing, and compare Virg. G. 1. 94 'rastris glebas qui frangit inertis.' Kiessling quotes Plin. N. H. 18. 19 'montanae gentes sarculis arant.'

12. **Attalicis condicionibus,** 'by offers such as Attalus could make.' An allusion to the proverbial wealth of the kings of Pergamus, see on Od. 2. 18. 5. For the use of 'condicio,' cp. Cic. ad Q. Fr. 1. 1. 2 'ut nulla condicio pecuniae te . . . ab summa integritate deduxerit.'

13. **Cypria,** Od. 3. 29. 60 'Cypriae merces.'

14. **Myrtoum.** 'Speciem pro genere ponit more suo,' Porph. on Od. 1. 16. 4. So with 'Cypria,' 'Icariis,' &c. When Horace puts a special for a general designation in this manner he usually selects a Greek one. Four names are commonly assigned to different parts of the Aegean: *Thracium*, the northern part: *Myrtoum*, the western part, south of Euboea, so named from the small island Myrto, off the south coast of Euboea: *Icarium*, to the east of Myrtoum, named from the island Icaria, just west of Samos: *Creticum* (Od. 1. 26. 2), south of both the last, washing the island of Crete.

16. **metuens,** 'at the moment when he fears.' His repentance

is as short-lived as that of the 'fenerator Alfius' in Epod. 2. Cp. Od. 2. 16. 1-4, where the point is the same, 'Otium Divos rogat in patenti Pensus Aegaeo.'

18. **quassas**, though their state bears witness to the risks of the trade.

pauperiem. The 'pauperies,' which the trader is represented here and in Epp. 1. 1. 46 as flying 'per mare, per saxa, per ignis,' is not 'want' ('egestas'), but a modest competence, such as Horace tells us was the school of the ancient Roman heroism, Od. 1. 12. 44 'Saeva paupertas et avitus apto Cum lare fundus,' such as he attributes to his own father, Sat. 1. 6. 71 'macro pauper agello.'

pati, for the inf. see App. 2. § 2.

19. **Massici**, a wine grown near Sinuessa in Campania.

20. **solido de die**. He is speaking probably not of letting the festivities of the evening encroach on the day's work ('tempestivum convivium,' Cic. Mur. 6. 13, &c.), but of breaking the continuity of business hours. Compare for the metaphor, Varr. R. R. 1. 2 'diffindere insititio somno meridiem,' and Horace himself, Od. 2. 7. 6, 7 'morantem saepe diem mero Fregi.' Seneca was probably thinking of this place when he wrote, Ep. 83 'hodiernus dies solidus est, nemo ex illo mihi quicquam eripuit.'

22. **lene**, not so loud as to disturb slumber.

caput, Virg. G. 4. 368 'caput unde altus primum se erumpit Enipeus.'

sacrae. All springs were sacred. Cp. Od. 3. 13. The epithet adds to the feeling of the happy influences of the spot.

23. **lituo tubae**, 'stridor lituum clangorque tubarum,' Luc. 1. 237. The 'lituus' was a curved horn emitting a shrill note, used by the cavalry—the 'tuba' was straight, and belonged to infantry.

24. **matribus detestata**, cp. Epod. 16. 8 'parentibusque abominatus Hannibal.' Cicero uses 'detestatus' as a passive, De Legg. 2. 11. 28.

25. **manet**, 'stays all night'; cp. Sat. 2. 3. 234 'In nive Lucana dormis ocreatus, ut aprum Cenem ego.'

Iove, of the air, Od. 1. 22. 20, 3. 10. 8, Epod. 13. 2; cp. Virg. G. 1. 418 'Iuppiter uvidus,' and G. 3. 435 'sub divo.'

27, 28 must mean 'if the moment be sufficiently exciting.' If no deer had been sighted, if the boar was still safe in the netted enclosure, the huntsman might go home for the night. **teretes**, sc. 'de tereti fune factus,' Schol. It seems doubtful whether it would give the idea of 'closely twisted' and so 'strong' (cp. 'teretes catenae,' Luc. 3. 565) or 'slight.' Cp. Plin. N. H. 11. 28 of the spider's web 'filum teres.'

Marsus, for the form see on Od. 1. 15. 10.

29. **doctarum**, i.e. a poet's. The epithet is derived from the *σοφὸς αἰοιδός* of heroic times, *ὃν Μοῦσ' ἐδίδαξε* (Hom. Od. 8. 481), the Muse, the daughter of Memory. The poet learnt and remembered rather than created. It is appropriated here and elsewhere by a Roman poet with a feeling that it describes his art also. It is

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on a knowledge and imitation of Greek models that Horace rests his own title to fame. The lute which his muse strings is the 'lute of Lesbos.'

hederae. The ivy crown belongs to the poet (Virg. E. 7. 25, 8. 13) as inspired by Bacchus; cp. Juv. 7. 64 'dominis Cirrhæ Nisæque,' Hor. Epp. 1. 19. 4.

30. **dis miscent superis**, not merely like 'evehit ad deos' above—'glorify me, make me as happy as the gods,'—but 'admit me to a happy dreamland,' to the *Μουσῶν νάπαι*, the 'pii luci' of Od. 3. 4. 5 foll.; cp. 3. 25. 1 foll.

32-34. **tibias . . . barbiton.** The two instruments are intended to include all varieties of lyric poetry; see on Od. 3. 4. 1-4, and cp. 1. 12. 1, 2. They are divided here between Euterpe and Polyhymnia. In one of the two passages referred to they are both attributed to Calliope, in the other to Clio. For the plural 'tibias,' cp. Od. 4. 15. 30, Epod. 9. 5, and see Dict. Ant. s. v. The reference is to the double pipe—two pipes used at the same time—one of a higher the other of a lower pitch. Cp. Herod. 1. 17, where the *αἰολοὶ ἀνδρῆϊοι καὶ γυναικίῃοι* are generally interpreted in this way.

34. **Lesboum barbiton.** The Greek form of adj. and subst. seems to point to the imitative character of the poetry which he aspires to write: see on Od. 1. 32. 3, and on 4. 6. 29. It is to be noticed that Horace prefers in the Odes the Greek form *Helenen*, *Cypron*, &c., in the Satires and Epistles the Latin *Helenam*, &c.

35. **vatibus.** The Greek lyric poets—for on Horace's showing they had as yet no Roman rival. Cp. Od. 4. 3. 13, and note the change of tone. He there claims as his own, by gift of the public voice, the place which here he looks for at the hands of a patron.

36. **feriam sidera.** 'I shall raise my head till it strikes the stars.' A common Greek trope. Sapph. Fr. 9 *ψάψειν δὲ πόλον δοκεῖ μοι οὐρανὸν δυσπάχεια*. Soph. O. C. 381 *πρὸς οὐρανὸν βιβῶν*.

ODE II

'WE have seen and felt enough of the wrath of the gods. Our population is thinned by civil war, while the Parthians defy us in safety. What god can save our falling empire, or atone for our guilt? Apollo? Venus? our father Mars? nay rather Mercury, who is amongst us in human shape, and submitting to be called Caesar's avenger—you must be our prince. Long may you live—stay the civil war, and chastise the Parthians!'

There is nothing to fix with exactness the date of the composition of the Ode. The portents spoken of are without doubt those which followed the death of Caesar, B. C. 44 (Dion 45. 17, cp. Virg. G. 1. 466 foll., Tib. 2. 5. 71 foll., Ov. Met. 15. 782 foll.), and therefore, however early we put the Ode, years must have elapsed since their occurrence. They are recalled dramatically, not happening at the

moment. The Ode is fitly placed in the forefront of the three Books, as containing once for all Horace's palinode and 'apologia.' He is professing and explaining his conversion to Caesarism. He has thought over the signs of divine wrath which followed Caesar's death, and learnt that the act of Brutus was a crime. The space of time during which he was learning the lesson is lost to sight. The political point of view is an advance on Epodes 7 and 16. The 'scelus' of Epod. 7 is summed up in one act of profitless and sacrilegious bloodshed. A remedy for the evils of the state has been seen more practical than that proposed in Epod. 16. But the grounds alleged are still substantially the same, weariness of the civil war with its horrors at home and impotence abroad. There is no forecast as in Book iii of the special results social and moral to be looked for from the new régime; but in the choice of 'the gentle Maia's son,' the god of peaceful arts, of persuasion and of commerce, as the deity whom he sees incarnate in the 'avenger,' he indicates the nature of the rule he looks to.

Virg. Georg. I. 466 to the end, should be compared with the Ode as affording a parallel both in sentiment and in many points in expression.

1. **terris misit.** A common poetical dative, Od. I. 12. 59 'mittes fulmina lucis'; Virg. Aen. 2. 398 'demittimus Orco.'

dirae. A word properly of augural signification, 'of bad omen,' 'diri cometæ,' Virg. G. I. 488; 'dirae aves,' Tac. Ann. 12. 43. Dillenburger points out that though put only with the last of the two subst. after Horace's manner, it qualifies both. He gives the following list of instances, Od. I. 31. 16, I. 34. 8, 2. 8. 3, 2. 19. 24, 3. 2. 16, 3. 11. 39, 4. 14. 4; see on Od. I. 5. 6.

2. **Pater.** Od. 3. 29. 44 'Nube polum Pater occupato.'

rubente, red from the flames of the bolt which he is launching.

3. **sacras arces,** 'temple and tower;' the Capitoline hill with its two summits, one occupied by the Arx, the other by the temple of Jupiter.

6. **Pyrrhae,** the wife of Deucalion. The downfall of rain was so great that the world looked for a return of Deucalion's deluge; cp. Virg. G. I. 468 'Impiaque aeternam timuerunt saecula noctem.'

monstra, anything strange and portentous; used in Virg. Aen. 3. 582 of the noises of Aetna; Aen. 7. 21, of the transformations wrought by Circe.

questae, as a Greek might have used ἀγανακτεῖν. The word serves to identify Pyrrha's feelings as well as her circumstances with those of the poet. She too said 'iam satis,' &c.

7. **pecus,** 'immania . . . armenta . . . phocas,' Virg. G. 4. 395.

egit visere, App. 2: § 1.

9-12. Dillenburger points out how the words are chosen to emphasize the general inversion of the natural order of things. The fish 'cling' as if they were birds—the deer 'swim' as if they were fish.

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13. **vidimus**, not necessarily of personal sight, 'our generation has seen'; Virg. G. 1. 471 'quotiens Cyclopus effervere in agros Vidimus undantem ruptis fornacibus Aetnam.'

flavum, Od. 1. 8. 8, 2. 3. 18—an habitual epithet, otherwise we might take it as meaning 'yellowish than usual from the flood.'

retortis litore Etrusco. Some doubt hangs over the meaning of these words. It is tempting to take them of what must have been the usual process of the Tiber's frequent flooding, the full stream striking against the higher '(Etruscan) bank,' where the river makes a great bend at the base of the Janiculan hill, and being 'flung back' on the opposite or 'left bank,' where the valley between the Capitoline and Palatine hills opens upon it. This explanation is possibly right: its very simplicity however is perhaps against it. Horace is not aiming at a naturalistic description of causes, but adding strange and supernatural circumstances. It should be noted that 'litus Etruscum' is a phrase used by him in C. S. 38 and Epod. 16. 40, and in the sense of 'the shore of the Tuscan sea.' Dion in describing the portents which followed the death of Caesar, mentions a tidal wave which caused a flood at the mouth of the Po, and also one which left numbers of dead fish ashore at the mouth of the Tiber. Horace would then be combining a reference to this with his description of the flooding of the river in Rome. It is pertinent also to notice that such an arrest of the waters at the mouth, was a current explanation of the flooding of rivers, see Herod. 2. 20. It would mean in this case 'its waters flung back at the Tuscan shore.' If the simpler sense is given, notice that Virgil uses 'litus' of a river-bank, Aen. 3. 390, 8. 83.

15. **monumenta regis** would properly include both the 'Atrium Regium' (Liv. 26. 27), or 'Regia,' the residence of the Pontifex Maximus (and therefore of Julius Caesar), and the temple of Vesta, which was attached to it: for both were attributed to King Numa. Note that the identification of the cause of the flood with the murder of Caesar begins in these words, see on v. 27.

16. **templa**. Virgil uses the plural in the same way, Aen. 3. 84. The temple of Vesta, to which antiquaries had assigned several sites, has been satisfactorily identified in the circular building, of which the foundations remain, between the Palatine hill and the 'Sacra via' (see Sat. 1. 9. 35) near the south-west corner of the Forum Magnum.

17. **nimium**, with 'querenti,' 'complaining more than he could bear': she complains of the murder of her great descendant. Horace connects the name of Ilia (Rea Sylvia) with the Julian line as Virgil does those of Ilus and Iulus, Aen. 1. 268-288. The Schol. refer to Ennius for the story of her being thrown into the Tiber. Claudian calls her 'Tiberini uxor.' Ovid represents her as finding a refuge and a husband in the Anio.

19. **Iove non probante**. Jupiter, as the Schol. says, 'terreri voluit populum, non perire'; he disapproves the excessive vengeance of Ilia. For the division of a word between the third and fourth

lines of a Sapphic stanza, cp. 1. 25. 11 'sub inter-lunia vento'; 2. 16. 7 'neque purpura ve-nale neque auro.'

21. **civis**. The purpose for which the sword is sharpened, is indicated partly by the contrasted 'better' purpose, partly by the emphasis on 'civis'; not as soldiers, nor as Romans against foreigners, but as citizens, in pursuance of an intestine, civil quarrel; see on Od. 1. 32. 5, and 1. 35. 34. Compare the use of 'soror' in Virg. Aen. 12. 871.

22. Cp. the opening of Lucan's *Pharsalia*, esp. v. 10 foll. 'Cum-que superba foret Babylon spolianda tropaeis Ausoniis, umbraque erraret Crassus inulta, Bella geri placuit nullos habitura triumphos;' see also Epod. 7. 5-10.

graves, Od. 3. 5. 4 = 'molesti.'

Persae. From the decline of the Syro-Macedonian kingdom, B.C. 250 foll., to the restoration of a Persian dynasty in the person of Artaxerxes, the founder of the Sassanidae, A.D. 226, the ruling race of western Asia was the Parthi, a tribe originally settled to the east of Media, and immediately south of the Caspian. Their kings, the Arsacidae, fixed their capital at Seleucia on the Tigris, where they adopted the pomp and title of the old Persian monarchs, βασιλεὺς βασιλείων, βασιλεὺς μέγας. Horace is the only Augustan writer who calls them 'Persae' (and therefore, following the Greek usage, also 'Medi'; see below, v. 51), an instance probably of the predominant influence of Greek associations upon his style. Cp. the still more definite identification of the two dynasties, Od. 2. 2. 17 'Redditum Cyri solio Phraaten.'

24. **rara**, 'our youth scant in number for their parents' crimes.' There will be few to hear the story, for civil war has killed those who should have bred up sons for the State; cp. C. S. 17-20.

25. **ruentis imperi rebus**. The dative = 'ut rebus succurrat.' 'rebus,' 'the fortunes.' It is a variety of the more usual 'ruentibus rebus,' as Virg. uses 'res fractae,' Tac. 'res labantes.'

26. **imperi**, 'the empire' = the whole system of Roman rule—the State in its aspect of power and majesty, 1. 37. 8. Sometimes it contains more definitely the idea of the dominion of Rome over foreign peoples, 3. 5. 4, 'adiectis Britannis Imperio'; cp. the verb in 3. 6. 5 'Dis te minorem quod geris imperas [Romane].' 4. 15. 14 'fama . . . et imperi Porrecta maiestas ad ortus solis et Hesperium cubile' seems to combine both shades of meaning.

27. **minus audientem**, 'turning a deaf ear to their litanies.' Vesta is represented as offended at the murder of the Pontifex Maximus, whose office was specially connected with her service and temple, see above, v. 16. Ordinarily she would be the protectress of Rome. /

29. **scelus**, ἄγος, guilt which involves ceremonial pollution. Cp. Epod. 7. 1 'Quo, quo, scelesti ruitis?'; Virg. E. 4. 13 'sceleris vestigia nostri.' The 'scelus,' which in those places is the guilt of civil bloodshed generally, is here summed up in the murder of Caesar.

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31. Hom. Il. 5. 186 *νεφέλη ἐϊλυμένος ὤμους*, veiling his brightness that mortals might look upon him.

32. **augur.** Apollo (*μάντις Διὸς προφήτης*)—Romanized as the god of augury, Virg. Aen. 4. 376—may tell them how the pollution is to be removed.

33. **Erycina**, 'Venus,' from her temple on Mount Eryx in Sicily, Virg. Aen. 5. 759. The people of Segesta applied to Tiberius to restore this temple on the ground of its mythical connexion with the founder of the Julian gens, and he 'suscepit curam libens ut consanguineus,' Tac. Ann. 4. 43.

ridens, *φιλομειδής*.

35. **genus et nepotes**, = 'genus nepotum,' Od. 3. 17. 3. The purpose of the hendiadys is to give full emphasis to 'neglectum' and to 'auctor' by allowing each a clause to itself.

36. **auctor.** Mars, the father of Romulus and Remus; Virg. Aen. 4. 365 'generis nec Dardanus auctor.'

37. **ludo**, war is the sport of Mars (see on Od. 1. 28. 17) as the turns of luck are the sport of Fortune, Od. 3. 29. 50; lovers' miseries and errors of Venus and Cupid, 1. 33. 10, 3. 27. 67.

39. **Mauri.** This is the reading of all the MSS. and of Acr. and Porph. Faber conjectured 'Marsi,' and Bentley argues at length for it on the ground that the 'Mauri' were 'nec fortes, nec pedites, nec cominus pugnantes.' But it is ferocity, not courage, which is in question; and we learn from Sall. Jug. 59, that the Numidae at least had learnt at this time to mingle foot soldiers amongst their cavalry. The Romans had done this in the Punic War (Liv. 26. 4), and Caesar reports the same practice among the Gauls and the Germans (B. G. 1. 48, 7. 80).

oruentum, 'bleeding.'

41-43. 'Or if thou be sweet Maia's winged child wearing on earth the disguise of human youth.'

41. **iuvenem**, Virg. E. 1. 43 'Hic illum vidi iuvenem'; G. 1. 500 'Hunc saltem everso iuvenem succurrere saeclo Ne prohibete.'

44. **Caesaris ultor.** Dion 53. 4 makes Augustus assert that his mission had been *τῷ πατρὶ δεινῶς σφαγέντι τιμωρῆσαι*, and the temple of Mars Ultor, of which the façade still stands in the Forum Augusti, was built in fulfilment of a vow made by him, 'bello Philippensi pro ultione paterna suscepto.' Suet. Oct. 29; cp. Ov. Fast. 5. 569.

45-50. Cp. Virg. G. 1. 503 'Iampridem nobis caeli te regia, Caesar, Invidet atque hominum queritur curare triumphos, Quippe ubi fas versum atque nefas,' &c.

47. **nostris vitiis iniquum**, 'intolerant of,' 'non diutius aequa mente vitia ferentem.'

48. **aura tollat**, keeps up the character of the winged Mercury, ever 'on tip-toe' for flight.

49. **triumphos.** 'Caesar triplici invectus Romana triumpho Moenia,' Virg. Aen. 8. 714; 'Curulis triumphos tres egit, Dalmaticum, Actiacum, Alexandrinum: continuo triduo omnis,' Suet.

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Oct. 22. This was in B.C. 29. The Senate offered him a triumph on other occasions, as in B.C. 25 after his campaign in Spain, but it was refused.

50. **pater.** The title of 'Pater patriae' was not solemnly given to Augustus by the Senate till B.C. 2, but, as Ovid says, *Fast.* 2. 127, it was only the ratification of a title which had been long given him by popular usage: 'Sancte Pater patriae, tibi Plebs, tibi Curia nomen Hoc dedit; hoc dedimus nos tibi nomen Eques; Res tamen ante dedit.' It was a title familiar to Roman ears, having been given by the Senate to Cicero (*Juv.* 8. 243), and in earlier times to Camillus by the army (*Liv.* 5. 49); and 'Parenti patriae' had been the inscription placed by the people on the column erected in the Forum to Julius Caesar's memory, *Suet.* *Jul.* 85. Horace promises (*Od.* 3. 24. 27) a similar title to any one who will venture to restrain the licence of the time, pointing, of course, to Augustus, 'Si quaeret Pater urbium Subscribi statuis, indomitam audeat Refrenare licentiam.'

princeps. *Od.* 1. 21. 14, 4. 14. 6. According to Mommsen and Professor Pelham (*Journal of Philology*, vol. viii. p. 322 f.) this title which Octavianus took was not a shortened form of 'princeps senatus,' although he held that dignity, but of 'princeps in republica,' 'princeps civitatis,' 'first citizen,' a phrase which had been used informally of Pompey by Cicero (*ad Fam.* 1. 9) and by *Jul. Caesar* of himself (*Suet.* *Jul.* 29). It was therefore a title probably that grew, and was not conferred at any definite date.

51. He is to restore the disturbed order of things, vv. 21, 22, to stay the civil war, and to retrieve the military glory of Rome, which had been tarnished by the defeat of Crassus in B.C. 53, and Antony in B.C. 36.

equitare, *Od.* 2. 9. 24.

52. **Caesar.** The true name of the incarnate Mercury is reserved to be the last word left on our ears, the word that stills all the fears and satisfies all the doubts of the preceding stanzas.

ODE III

'O SHIP, in which Virgil is sailing to Greece, carry thy precious burden safely. It is a dreadful risk, the sea. He was a hard, bold man who first ventured upon it. The gods meant it to be a barrier impassable, but man delights in disobedience. Prometheus brought fire on earth and sickness with it. Daedalus tried to fly. Acheron was no barrier to Hercules. Where shall we stop? and when will Jove be able to lay aside his bolts of wrath?'

This Ode has been often referred to the voyage of Virgil to Athens, from which he returned only to die in B.C. 19. This, however, would fix its composition four years later than the date which on other grounds we assign to the publication of Books i-iii; nor is it an Ode which is likely to have been inserted after publica-

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tion. Given to the world in Virgil's lifetime, it is playful and affectionate, but it would seem cold and irrelevant to be published after his early death, and in a volume in which it was the sole record of their friendship. Franke felt the difficulty so much that he proposed to read 'Quintilius' for 'Vergilium,' thinking that he could trace a correspondence between this Ode and i. 24, especially in v. 11 'heu non ita creditum.' It has even been suggested that it may have been another Vergilius, as is the case no doubt with Od. 4. 12. The simplest solution is that the reference is to another voyage. All we know even of the voyage in B.C. 19 is due to the fragmentary biography which goes by the name of Donatus, and which is not supposed to be earlier than the fifth century.

It is one of the many instances of Horace's careful placing of his Odes that the Ode placed next to those which express his devotion to Maecenas and to Caesar should be one that bears the name of the friend to whose introduction (Sat. 1. 6. 54) he owed his acquaintance with the former, and therefore with the latter—the author of his fortunes and his literary ideal.

The form of the Ode may have been suggested by a poem of Callimachus, the beginning of which is preserved:—

ἄ ναῖς ἄ τὸ μόνον φέγγος ἐμὴν τὸ γλυκὺ τᾶς ζοᾶς
ἄρπαξας, ποτί τυ Ζᾶνος ἱκνεῦμαι λιμενοσκόπῳ.

Statius' Propempticon Metio Celeri, Sylv. 3. 2, is in great part an expansion of Horace's poem. We may contrast Horace's wishes for the voyage of an enemy, Epod. 10.

The tirade against sea-travelling as one form of man's restless audacity is in part playful; and as Prof. Sellar (Roman Poets of the Augustan Age, p. 120) suggests, adapted to Virgil's own temperament and expressed feelings: but Horace recurs to the idea that commerce and the mingling of nations are against nature and a source of evil, and that if the golden age could return they would cease; Od. 3. 24. 36–41, Epod. 16. 57–62. Cp. Virg. E. 4. 32–39; and Hesiod ἔργα καὶ ἡμέραι 236.

Metre—*Third Asclepiad*.

1–7. sic . . . regat . . . reddas. This may be taken, 'Pay back (may Venus so guide thee),' &c., a wish, with a parenthetical wish for that which is necessary to its accomplishment. But 'sic' in wishes, as in protestations, seems always to involve a condition; see Conington's note on Virg. E. 9. 30 'Sic tua Cyrneas fugiant examina taxos, . . . Incipe'; cp. Od. 1. 28. 25. 'May you suffer shipwreck if you do not pay back,' &c. The prayer is illogical, for if the ship did suffer shipwreck on the voyage it could not land Virgil safely. But the ship is personified, and charged by its hopes of happiness to perform a certain task; and what happiness can a ship look for but calm seas and favouring winds?

1. potens Cypri, for the gen. cp. Od. 1. 5. 15 'potenti maris

deo'; 1. 6. 10 'musa lyrae potens.' He is addressing Venus ('marina,' Od. 3. 26. 5, 4. 11. 15); she was worshipped at Cnidus under the name of *εὐπλοία*, Paus. 1. 1. 4. Cp. Ov. Her. 19. 160 'Auso Venus ipsa favebit, Sternet et aequoreas aequore nata vias.'

2. **fratres Helenae**, 'Castor and Pollux,' Od. 4. 8. 31 'Clarum Tyndaridae sidus ab infimis Quassas eripiunt aequoribus ratis.' Cp. 1. 12. 25 foll., 3. 29. 64. They were especial protectors of sailors, who saw their presence in the electric lights which are said to play about the spars of a vessel at times after stormy weather in the Mediterranean, and which are now called St. Elmo's fire. It is these, and not the constellation Gemini, that are the 'lucida sidera.' Cp. Statius Pro. Met. Cel. 8 'Proferte benigna Sidera, et antennae gemino considite cornu.'

3. **regat**, for the number, see on v. 10.

pater, 'Aeolus,' from Hom. Od. 10. 21; cp. Virg. Aen. 1. 52.

4. **alii**, 'all others,' cp. Sat. 1. 10. 77, an uncommon use, but found even in good prose; 'vulgus aliud trucidatum,' Liv. 7. 19. It is perhaps rather in its sense of *ἀλλοίος* than of *ἄλλος*, 'those of other kinds.'

Iapyga, 'albus Iapyx,' Od. 3. 27. 20. The N.W. wind, which got its name in the mouths of those who crossed from Brundisium to Dyrrhachium, on whom it blew from the 'Iapygium Promontorium' in Apulia, and to whom it was the most favourable wind.

6. **finibus Atticis**, 'ambiguum utrum "debes finibus Atticis" an "finibus Atticis reddas,"' Porph. It is really governed *ἀπὸ κοινοῦ*, as grammarians say, by *both*. This is a construction which Horace often adopts for the sake of brevity, and to avoid clumsy and unmanageable pronouns and particles. Compare the position of 'consiliis' in Od. 2. 11. 11; of 'sibi' in 3. 8. 19; of 'cantare' in Sat. 1. 3. 2. The metaphor of a 'depositum' (Statius Silv. 3. 2. 5 'Grande tuo rarumque damus, Neptune, profundo Depositum') is sustained through the words 'creditum,' 'debes,' 'reddas'; with 'incolumem' the 'safety' of Virgil becomes again more prominent than the 'entireness' of the repayment.

8. **et**, 'and so.' It couples two descriptions of the same action, first in its relation to Virgil, then in its relation to Horace, cp. 2. 2. 10, 4. 13. 10.

animae dimidium, 'secundum illam amicitiae definitionem *φιλία ἐστὶ μία ψυχὴ ἐν δυοῖν σώμασιν*,' Porph.; Call. Ep. 43 *ἥμισύ μεν ψυχῆς ἔτι τὸ πνέον, ἥμισυ δ' οὐκ οἶδ'* | *εἴτ'* "Eros εἴτ' Αἰδὴς ἥρπασε, πλὴν ἀφανές. Cp. Od. 2. 17. 5 'te meae partem animae.'

9. **robur et aes triplex**. The original of this and other expressions of the kind is the Homeric *σιδήρεος θυμός*, Il. 21. 357; *σιδήρειον ἦτορ*, 24. 205. Jani took the words as = 'robur aeris triplicis,' quoting Virg. Aen. 7. 609 'aeternaque robora ferri.' But the accumulation 'oak and triple brass' is like Aesch. P. V. 244 *σιδηρόφρων τε καὶ πέτρας εἰργασμένος*: cp. Od. 3. 16. 2 'turris aenea Robustaeque fores.' It is common both in Greek and Latin to put the two things conjunctively, rather than as alternatives; cp.

Hector's wish for Paris, Il. 3. 40 αἶδ' ὄφελ' ἄγονός τ' ἔμ' εἶναι ἄγαμός τ' ἀπολέσθαι. See on Od. 3. 11. 49.

10. **erat.** It is common in Horace to find a singular verb with two or three subjects where all, or the one nearest to the verb, are singular. Bentley gives a list on Od. 1. 24. 8 'Cui Pudor et Iustitiae soror Incorrupta Fides nudaque Veritas Quando ulum inveniet parem?' Od. 1. 2. 38, 1. 3. 3, 1. 4. 16, 1. 6. 10, 1. 34. 12, 1. 35. 21, 26, 2. 13. 38, 2. 18. 26, 3. 3. 10, 3. 6. 10, 12, 14, 3. 11. 20, 50, 3. 16. 32, 4. 5. 18, 22. 4. 8. 27.

fragilem truci. For the collocation of the contrasted epithets, cp. Od. 1. 6. 9 'tenues grandia'; 1. 15. 2 'perfidus hospitam'; 1. 29. 10, 2. 4. 2, 3, 2. 10. 6, 8, 2. 12. 1, 3. 7. 13, 3. 11. 46.

12. **nec timuit.** We may compare the curious remark about the possible excess of fearlessness in Arist. Eth. N. 3. 7. 7 εἴη δ' ἂν τις μαινόμενος ἢ ἀνάλγητος, εἰ μὴδὲν φοβοῖτο, μήτε σεισμὸν μήτε τὰ κύματα, καθάπερ φασὶ τοὺς Κελτοὺς.

praecepitem, Virg. G. 4. 29 'praeceps Euris,' of sudden gusts that seem to fall from the sky; 2. 310 'si tempestas a vertice silvis Incubuit.'

13. **decertantem,** Od. 1. 9. 11 'ventos deproeliantis'; 1. 18. 8 'rixa super mero debellata'; 3. 3. 55 'debacchentur ignes': 'fighting to the death.' The preposition expresses the pertinacity and unrestrained fierceness of the struggle, not its conclusion.

14. **Hyadas,** 'Navita quas Hyadas Graecus ab imbre vocat,' Ov. Fast. 5. 165: 'rain-stars.' Cic. de N. D. 2. 43, 111, says that the Romans, mistaking the derivation, called them "Suculae" a suibus.

15. **arbiter Hadriae,** Od. 3. 3. 5 'Auster . . . Dux inquieti turbidus Hadriae.'

16. **tollere seu ponere.** For the omission of the first 'seu' cp. Od. 1. 6. 19 'vacui sive quid urimur,' Sat. 2. 5. 10, 2. 8. 16. So εἶτε is omitted in Greek, Aesch. Ag. 1403, Soph. O. T. 517.

ponere, the wind 'lays' the waves when it ceases to blow; Virg. Aen. 5. 763 'placidi straverunt aequora venti'; Soph. Aj. 674 δεινῶν ἄημα πνευμάτων ἐκοίμισε στένοντα πόντον.

17. **gradum**—has been taken as (1) 'grade'—after the analogy of 'dignitatis,' 'officiorum,' 'malorum gradus.' So the Schol. 'what death so terrible?' (2) 'step' or 'stride' of death, in the sense of mode or pace of approach. Cp. Luc. 2. 100 'quantoque gradu mors saeva cucurrit.' (3) 'step to death'—comparing 'via leti,' 'ianua leti,' perh. with the special idea of a descent. Of these (2) harmonizes the metaphor with v. 33 'necessitas leti corripuit gradum,' but this is an argument against rather than for it. To have repeated 'gradum' in this connexion within sixteen lines is a blemish; but Horace is more likely to have made the slip of memory if the train of thought which led to the word was different in the two cases than if it was the same. We must choose, it would seem, between (1) and (3).

18. **siccis,** ξηροῖς ἀκλαίστοις ὄμμασιν, Aesch. S. c. T. 696. Bentley,

after Heinsius, would alter 'siccis' to 'rectis' (Cunningham proposed 'fixis') with no MS. authority, on the ground that tears are not with us the natural indication of terror. But Orelli quotes, amongst other passages, Ov. Met. 11. 539, of a shipwreck, 'Non tenet hic lacrimas, stupet hic.' When the panic falls on the Suitors in Hom. Od. 20. 349, their eyes *δακρυόφιν πίμπλαντο*.

monstra natantia, Od. 3. 27. 27 'scatentem beluis pontum,' 4. 14. 47 'beluosus oceanus'; one of the stock dangers of the sea, perhaps helped to become conventional in poetry by the popular misunderstanding of Homer's *μεγαλήτεα πόντον*.

20. **infamis**, *δυσωνύμους*, with reference perhaps to their name, 'the Thunder-cape.' They were proverbial for storms and shipwrecks, Virg. G. 1. 332.

Acroceraunia. After Horace's manner he names a special dangerous headland, as he has a special wind in v. 12, a special sea in v. 15. They are all, however, actual dangers which Virgil himself must encounter in passing from Brundisium to Dyrrhachium.

22. **prudens**, 'in his providence,' Od. 3. 29. 29.

dissociabili, 'estranging'; cp. the active use of 'illacrymabilis' in Od. 2. 14. 6, though Horace himself uses it passively in Od. 4. 9. 25; so 'penetrabilis,' Virg. G. 1. 93; 'genitabilis,' Lucret. 1. 11. Ritter and others deny this active use, and render it by *ἄξενος*; but it is formed upon the verb 'dissociare' and must mean either 'able to sever,' as here, or 'able to be severed,' as in Claud. Ruf. 2. 238 'non dissociabile corpus.'

23. **impiae**, pred. 'in their impiety.'

24. **transiliunt**, 'leap lightly over.' The word is expressive, as Ritter says, 'et levitatis et impudentiae.' Cp. its use in Od. 1. 18. 7, and Sil. Pun. 4. 71, of Hannibal, 'qui sacros montes rupesque profundas Transiluit.'

25. **perpeti**=*τλῆναι*, uniting the ideas of 'to bear' and 'to dare.' Compare the tone of Soph. Ant. 333 foll.

26. **per vetitum nefas**, 'through sin, despite of prohibition.'

27. **Iapeti genus**, Prometheus; 'genus' as the Greek *γένος*. *Σισύφου γένος*, for Ulysses, Eur. Cycl. 104; cp. Sat. 1. 6. 12 'Laevinum Valeri genus.'

28. **fraude mala**, 'an unhappy theft.' There seems to be no instance of 'fraus' in a neutral sense, otherwise we might take it as a parallel of Cicero's 'malus dolus,' Off. 3. 15.

30. **macies**, 'wasting sickness,' not to be distinguished from the 'febres.' The things coupled are the effect of the fevers and their number.

31. **incubuit**, *ἐπέσκηψεν*, Lucret. 6. 1141 'morbifer aestus Incubuit populo Pandionis,' 'fell upon,' like a storm, or a bird of prey.

32. **necessitas**, with 'leti,' 'the doom of death.' Horace elsewhere personifies 'Necessitas' (Od. 1. 35. 17, 3. 1. 14, 3. 24. 6), but it is doubtful whether one person could be said 'corripere gradum' of another.

36. **perrupit Acheronta.** For the lengthening of the short syllable, cp. Od. 1. 13. 6 'manet, umor'; 2. 6. 14 'Angulus ridet, ubi'; 2. 13. 16 'Caeca timet aliunde'; 3. 16. 26 'quidquid arat impiger.' In all these cases the metrical accent falls on the lengthened syllable. It is noticed that this licence does not occur in the Fourth Book of Odes nor in the Epistles.

Herculeus labor, not without reference to the Greek βίη 'Ἡρακλείη, but as in all Horace's imitations of the idiom, with a more definite purpose and emphasis on the substantive. 'Labor' does not represent an inert or habitual epithet. 'It was a labour of Hercules to burst the barrier of Acheron.' Cp. Od. 3. 21. 11 'Narratur et prisci Catonis Saepe mero caluisse virtus'; Sat. 2. 1. 72 'Virtus Scipiadae et mitis sapientia Laeli.'

37. **ardui.** The gen. is supported by Horace's custom, Epp. 2. 1. 31 'Nil intra est oleam, nil extra est in nuce duri.'

38. A proverbial impossibility, Pind. P. 10. 41 ὁ χάλκεος οὐρανὸς οὐποτ' ἀμβρατὸς αὐτῷ.

40. **iracunda fulmina,** 'the bolts of his wrath.' The epithet properly belongs to Jove himself, cp. Od. 1. 12. 59 'inimica fulmina'; 1. 37. 7 'dementis ruinas.'

ODE IV.

THE lesson of the Ode is the same, though not so explicitly put, as that of Od. 4. 7 'Immortalia ne speres monet annus.' 'We have spring once more, all nature is enjoying itself. Take thy fill of pleasure, Sestius; for death, which comes to rich and poor alike, will soon be here, and then no more pleasures.'

The Sestius to whom it is addressed is probably identified with L. Sestius, son of the P. Sestius whom Cicero defended. He had served in M. Brutus' army with Horace. Dion 53. 32 mentions it to the credit of Augustus, that he appointed Sestius 'Consul suffectus' in his own room in B.C. 23, although he was notorious for preserving images of Brutus, and honouring his memory.

Kiessling suggests, with probability, that the position of Sestius as consul in the year when the Odes were published explains the place given to the Ode as fourth in the Book.

The metre (Archilochium IVtum) is from Archilochus, Fr. 91:—

οἰκέθ' ὁμῶς θάλλεις ἀπαλὸν χροᾶ· κάρφεται γὰρ ἤδη,
ὄγμος κακοῦ δὲ γήραος καθαρείϊ.

1. **solvitur,** winter is a chain in which the world is bound. 'Rura gelu . . . claudit hiems,' Virg. G. 2. 317; cp. Od. 1. 9. 5 'dissolve frigus.'

grata vice, 'the pleasant succession.' Epod. 13. 7 'benigna vice.'

2. **machinae,** 'rollers,' such as those described by Caesar, B. G.

2. 10 'hoc opus omne . . . machinatione navali phalangis subiectis ad turrim admovent.' The meaning of 'trahunt' is defined by 'siccas'; 'draw down to the sea the keels long high and dry,' navigation having been suspended during the winter.

5. **Cytherea Venus.** The conjunction of the two names is not found in any other classical writer, cp. Od. 1. 17. 22 'Semeleius Thyoneus.' In the procession of the seasons, Lucret. 5. 736, Venus is the companion of Spring, as Ceres of Summer, and 'Evius Evan' of Autumn.

imminente Luna, 'when the moon is high overhead,' merely = 'by moonlight.'

6. Od. 4. 7. 5 'Gratia cum Nymphis geminisque sororibus audet Ducere nuda choros.'

decentes, Od. 1. 18. 6 'decens Venus'; 3. 27. 53 'decentis malas'; 4. 1. 3 'decens . . . Paulus.'

7. **alterno pede,** 'rhythmic,' falling one after the other each in its due turn and time.

gravis, 'with their ponderous forges.'

8. **Vulcanus.** The employments of Venus and Vulcan (the latter probably suggested by the former) are a mythological way of saying that pleasures and labours begin again with spring.

ardens, 'glowing red in the blaze,' cp. 'rubente dextera,' Od. 1. 2. 2.

visit, the reading preferred by Bentley, Munro, Keller, Kiessling. 'urit' which is found in a good many MSS. would mean 'makes them fiery hot.'

9. Now is the time for pleasure, for drinking bouts in town, and rural holidays.

viridi, of the fresh green of the young leaves that are now opening.

nitidum, Od. 2. 7. 7 'coronatus nitentis Malobathro Syrio capillos.'

11. **Fauno.** Ovid, Fast. 2. 193, mentions a sacrifice to Faunus on the island in the Tiber on the Ides of February. The Faunalia of Od. 3. 18. 10 are in December.

12. **agna,** sc. 'immolare,' as Virg. E. 3. 77 'cum faciam vitula.' So in prose, Cic. Legg. 2. 12 'quibus hostiis immolandum sit.' 'Immolare' has lost its special meaning 'to sprinkle the salted meal on the victim's head.'

13. **pulsat pede,** of knocking at the door, not merely treading the threshold. Plaut. Most. 2. 2. 23 'pulsando pedibus paene confregi hasce ambas [foris]'; Call. Hym. Apoll. 3 καὶ δῆπον τὰ θύρετρα καλῶ ποδὶ Φοῖβος ἀράσσει.

14. **regum,** of the great and wealthy. Od. 2. 14. 11 'sive reges Sive inopes erimus coloni.'

15. **incohare,** 'to enter upon what will not be finished,' cp. Od. 1. 11. 6 'spatio brevi spem longam reseces.'

16. **premet,** 'night will be upon thee,' used by a zeugma with 'Manes' and 'domus.' For the sing. see on Od. 1. 3. 10.

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fabulae, the nominative; best explained by Persius' imitation (5. 152), 'Cinis et manes et fabula fies,' 'something to talk of, a name and nothing more.' There is nothing in it of Juvenal's 'Esse aliquid Manis . . . Nec pueri credunt.'

17. **exilis**. Bentley takes it as = 'egena,' opposed to the luxury of Sestius' present life, quoting Epp. 1. 6. 45 'Exilis domus est ubi non et multa supersunt'; or, it may be 'hollow,' 'unsubstantial,' like 'levis turba,' Od. 1. 10. 18; Virgil's 'domos Ditis vacuas et inania regna,' Aen. 6. 269.

simul = 'simul ac.'

18. **regna vini**, the post of *συμποσίαρχος*, 'arbiter bibendi,' 'rex mensae,' Macr. Sat. 2. 1; see Dict. Ant. s. v. 'symposium.'

talis, dice made of the knuckle-bones of some animal, *ἀσπράγαλοι*; Sat. 2. 7. 17 'mitteret in phimum talos.' See on Od. 2. 7. 25 'quem Venus arbitrum dicet bibendi.' It has also been understood as = *τοίου*, 'of such wine as this,' as if the poet pointed to his delicate wines; but we could hardly say 'regna vini talis' any more than we could say 'regna vini tui.' So far as 'vini' qualifies 'regna' and forms part of one notion with it, it is general.

ODE V

'WHO is the delicate stripling now, Pyrrha, that is wooing thee? Poor boy! disappointment is in store for him. Thy love is as the sea, as bright and tempting, and as treacherous. I was shipwrecked on it once, but *I* escaped alive.'

Metre—*Fifth Asclepiad*.

1. **multa in rosa**. It is doubted whether 'in rosa' means 'crowned with roses' (cp. Od. 2. 11. 15 'rosa canos odorati capillos.' Kiessling compares, for the use of 'in,' A. P. 228 'regali conspectus in auro'), or 'on a couch of rose-leaves' (cp. Sen. Epp. 36. 9 'in rosa iacere'). There is the same doubt as to the meaning of 'potantem in rosa,' Cic. de Fin. 2. 20. 65.

4. **cui** = 'cuius in gratiam,' 'for whose eye,' cp. Od. 3. 3. 25.

flavam, Od. 2. 4. 14, 3. 9. 19, 4. 4. 4. It possibly suits the name. 'Pyrrha,' *πυρρά*, 'Golden-hair.'

5. **simplex munditiis**, 'plain in thy neatness,' Milton; but 'mundus' and 'munditiæ' carried a suggestion of trimness, refinement, even daintiness: see on Od. 3. 29. 14, Sat. 2. 2. 55, Epp. 1. 4. 11.

fidem, sc. 'mutatam.' Comp. Od. 3. 5. 7 'Pro curia, inversique mores.' It is an extension of the usage noticed on Od. 1. 2. 1.

6. **mutatos deos**, the gods as the givers of happiness or pain; but from the close connexion with 'fidem' there is probably also the feeling that they are the gods who listened to her vows and

seemed to guarantee her truth; ὅρκων δὲ φρούδη πίστις, οὐδ' ἔχω μαθεῖν ἢ θεοὺς νομίζεις τοὺς τότε οὐκ ἄρχειν ἔτι, Eur. Med. 492.

7. *nigris*, Epod. 10. 5 'niger Eurys'; Virg. G. 2. 278 'nigerrimus Auster'; so the opposite 'albus Notus,' 'albus Iapyx.'

8. *emirabitur*, ἀπαξ λεγόμενον in class. Latin.

insolens, 'new to the sight.'

10. *vacuam*, 'free,' not preoccupied by any other passion, Od. 1. 6. 19.

11. *aurae*, 'ignorant how soon the wind may shift.' It is a common metaphor for anything that is fickle and changeable, 'popularis aurae,' Od. 3. 2. 20.

13. *intemptata nites*. The metaphor, which began in v. 6 'aspera . . . ventis,' is continued to the end of the Ode. She (or her love) is a shining untried sea, 'placidi pellacia ponti.'

13-16. Cp. Virg. Aen. 12. 766 'Servati ex undis ubi figere dona solebant . . . et votas suspendere vestis.'

15. *potenti maris*, on Od. 1. 3. 1 'Diva potens Cypri.'

16. *deo*, Neptune.

ODE VI

'HEROIC exploits require a Homer to sing of them,' says Horace, and so gives Agrippa the lyric glory that (it would seem) he has asked for, while professing to leave the task of celebrating such exploits to the epic genius of Varius. For panegyric cast in the same form compare Od. 2. 12 and 4. 2.

The Ode is addressed to M. Vipsanius Agrippa, the friend and counsellor of Augustus, and the greatest commander of his reign. He finally defeated Sextus Pompeius at Naulochus in B.C. 36, and commanded at Actium in B.C. 31. After the death of Marcellus (and consequently, it would seem, after the publication of this Ode) he was married by Augustus to his daughter Julia (B.C. 21); was associated with him (B.C. 18) in the Tribunitian power, and was looked upon as his intended successor. He died four years before Horace, in B.C. 12. Horace speaks of his popularity in Sat. 2. 3. 185; of his subjugation of the Cantabri in Epp. 1. 12. 26; of his engineering exploit of turning the Lucrine lake into a harbour, though without mentioning his name, in A. P. 63.

For the place of the Ode see Introd. to B, i-iii, § 15.

Metre—Fourth Asclepiad.

1. *scriberis*. Not necessarily a definite promise or prophecy,—although Varius is said really to have written a Panegyricus in Caesarem Octavianum (see Epp. 1. 16. 27, where Horace is said by the Schol. to have borrowed two lines from that poem) which would have contained the exploits of Agrippa,—but = 'scribaris licet,' 'I shall leave Varius to write of you.' Cp. Od. 1. 7. 1 'laudabunt alii'; 1. 20. 10 'bibes'; 3. 28. 13 'tinget.' 'Scribere' is used of poetical description, cp. v. 14, Sat. 2. 1. 16.

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Vario, L. Varius Rufus, the friend of Horace and Virgil, and one of the literary executors of the latter. Cp. Sat. 1. 5. 40, 1. 6. 55, 1. 9. 23, 1. 10. 44, 81, 2. 8. 21, 63, Epp. 2. 1. 247, A. P. 55.

2. **Maeonii**, Od. 4. 9. 5, 'Homeric'; cp. Sat. 1. 10. 44 'Forte epos acer Ut nemo Varius ducit.'

alite is the unanimous reading of the MSS., and the Schol. found it, for the difficulty of the abl. made them separate it from 'Vario' and explain it by 'Homericis auspiciis.' Must it be altered to 'aliti'? The change is easy, too much so to be probable. It seems impossible to explain it as a rare instance of an abl., without the preposition, of the agent. It goes beyond all the cases quoted to parallel it. There is in them always either a predicate present as in 'Iudice laudatus Caesare,' Sat. 2. 1. 84, 'curatus inaequali tonsore,' Epp. 1. 1. 94, which brings them within the scope of the abl. absol., or the relation of the abl. to the verb is instrumental or modal rather than personal (see Dräger, Hist. Synt. 1. § 229) as in 'uxore constrictus,' Cic. Mil. 20. 54; 'Plato delectatus Dione,' Nep. 10. 2. 3; 'matrum celebrabere turba,' Ov. Met. 7. 50. The only alternative seems to be to take 'Vario . . . alite' with Orelli as an abl. absol., a construction the use of which Horace is inclined to extend (see Od. 2. 1. 12, 16, 2. 7. 15, 3. 5. 5). The position of the words though unusual has a certain force; the promise or permission standing first, and accompanied only by Varius' name as a sufficient guarantee to stay *in initio* any impatience; then, measured off against each other, the characteristics of the theme and of the poet who is fit to sing of it. 'It shall be told, but by Varius, thy bravery and thy victories, for he is a bird of Maeonian song.' For 'ales' as the title of a poet, cp. Od. 4. 2. 25 'Dircaeum cycnum,' and the whole idea of Od. 2. 20.

3. **quam rem cumque**, 'every exploit which thy brave soldiery achieved by sea or land, led on by thee'; the construction is as if the previous clause had run 'scribentur fortitudo et victoriae tuae.' The *tnesis* is common in Horace, cp. Od. 1. 7. 25, and even in prose, Cic. pro Sest. 31. 68 'quod iudicium cumque subierat.'

5. **nos**, so v. 17. It is an emphatic form of the 'plural of modesty' (Dräger, Hist. Syntax, 1. § 9) which avoids, in speaking of one's own performance, the definitely personal 'I'; this also suggests a class, 'I and such as I,' 'people of my level'; cp. Od. 2. 17. 32.

neque . . . nec, 'we essay no more to tell this tale than to tell,' &c., cp. Od. 3. 5. 27.

6. **stomachum**. This rendering of the Homeric *μῆνιν οὐλομένην* is quoted by Charisius as an instance of intentional *ταπείνωσις*, which he defines 'rei magnae humilis expositio,' as if it were an undignified word chosen to show Horace's distaste for such a character. In any case, in respect of this as well as of 'duplicis' and 'saevam,' though the traits themselves are traditional, their selection is probably intended to point a contrast with the milder themes which Horace prefers. 'I cannot write of the fierceness and the craft and the cruelty of heroic wars.'

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7. *duplicis*, πολύτροπος, Hom.; διπλοῦς ἀνὴρ, Eur. Rhes. 395.

Vlixei, for the form cp. 'Achillei,' I. 15. 34, and see Madv. § 38, obs. 3.

8. *Pelopis domum*, the theme rather of the Greek drama than of Epos; but Horace is probably alluding to Varius' tragedy Thyestes, which was brought out in the year after the battle of Actium. It was greatly admired: 'Varii Thyestes cuilibet Graecorum comparari potest,' Quint. 10. 1. 98.

10. *lyrae potens*, Od. 1. 3. 1.

vetat, see on Od. 1. 3. 10.

11. *egregii*, Od. 3. 25. 4, 'peerless.'

12. *deterere*, lit. 'to wear the fine edge off'; cp. 'obterere,' Cic. Verr. 2. 5. 1 'obteri laudem imperatoriam criminibus avaritiae,' and 'tenuare,' Hor. Od. 3. 3. 72.

13. *quis*. 'Who can?' = 'how few can!' We are not all Homers, like Varius.

tunica tectum adamantina, χαλκοχίτωνα: 'adamas,' is hard steel.

14. *pulvere nigrum*. Cp. 2. 1. 22. The 'dust' of the Trojan plain occupies a prominent place in Homer.

16. *superis parem*, referring to his wounding Aphrodite and Ares, in Hom. Il. 5; see esp. vv. 881-884^a H (sc. Pallas) νῦν Τυδέος υἱὸν ὑπερφίαλον Διομήδεα | μαργαίνειν ἀνέηκεν ἐπ' ἀθανάτοισι θεοῖσι. | Κύπριδα μὲν πρῶτον σχεδὸν οὔτασε χεῖρ' ἐπὶ καρπῷ, | αὐτὰρ ἔπειτ' αὐτῷ μοι ἐπέσσυτο δαίμονι ἴσος.

18. *sectis unguibus*, 'with'—not, as 'proelia' leads us to expect, drawn swords, but—'pared nails,' a woman's weapon. It is doubted what is the exact force of 'sectis.' Some (as Ritter) think 'cut to a point, so as to scratch better'; others (as Orelli) 'trimmed so as not to hurt,' the opposite of 'irresectum unguem' in Epod. 5. 47 of claw-like nails. It is then meant to contrast with 'acrium,' pointing out that it is a parody. Bentley proposed 'strictis' as helping the point of 'proelia' and the παρά προσδοκίαν substitution of 'unguibus' for 'ensibus,' and it derives some colour from Ovid's 'Non timeo strictas in mea fata manus,' Am. 1. 6. 14.

19. *vacui*, see on Od. 1. 5. 10. For the omission of the first 'sive' see on Od. 1. 3. 16.

urimur, of the sting of love or jealousy. Cp. Od. 1. 13. 8, Virg. Aen. 4. 68 'Uritur infelix Dido.'

20. *leves*, 'triflers much after our wont,' i. e. whether in love or not, habitually given to light and fanciful themes; 'iocosae Musae dediti': cp. Od. 3. 3. 69 'iocosae lyrae.'

ODE VII

'THE world is full of fair spots, but your own Tibur is the fairest. Forget your troubles, Plancus; in camp, or here in Tibur, drown care in wine. Remember how Teucer put a bold face on his calamity, and found a new Salamis to make up for the old.'

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The link between the praises of Tibur and the story of Teucer is to be found in vv. 19-21. Plancus has had to leave his home at Tibur and go campaigning. 'I feel with you,' says the poet, 'to the utmost: but you will come home again. In any case drink and forget care. It is the sort of trouble that heroes have to face.'

The Scholiasts identify Plancus with the L. Munatius Plancus who was consul in B.C. 42 (Od. 3. 14. 28 'consule Planco'). He was a politician who had changed sides several times in the civil war. Many stories to his discredit are told by Velleius Paterculus, who calls him 'morbo proditor.' He had reconciled himself to Octavianus, and it was on his proposal that the title of Augustus was conferred upon him in B.C. 27. If this is so, the place of the Ode has the same significance as that of 4 and 6.

With the story of Teucer at the end of the Ode compare the conclusion of Epod. 13. 11 ad fin.

Several of the best MSS. begin a new Ode at v. 15. The division was as old as Porph., for he notices and condemns it; on v. 15 'Hanc Oden quidam putant aliam esse, sed eadem est; nam et hic ad Plancum loquitur cuius in honorem et in superiore parte Tibur laudavit, Plancus enim inde fuit oriundus.' Mistakes in the matter are common in the MSS. See Epod. 2. 23 and 9. 27. Porph. mentions and condemns a division of Od. 3. 24 at v. 25, though it is not so found in any extant MS. The opposite mistake occurs in Od. 2. 14, 15, which are written continuously in several of the oldest MSS., although there is no conceivable connexion between them.

Metre—*Alcmanium*.

1. *laudabunt alii*, 'I shall leave it to others to praise,' see on v. 1 of the last Ode.

claram, 'sunny,' 'quia soli sit opposita,' Porph.; and so Lucan took it, 8. 248 '*claramque reliquit Sole Rhodon*,' or 'glorious'; Catull. 4. 8 '*nobilem Rhodum*.'

5. *sunt quibus*, see on Od. 1. 1. 3.

6. *perpetuo*, a continuous poem, not merely touching incidentally on Athens, Ov. Met. 1. 4 '*prima ab origine mundi In mea perpetuum deducite tempora carmen*.'

7. 'To wreath their brow with the olive plucked on every hand,' i. e. to seek fame by writing on a well-worn theme. This is Bentley's interpretation. The expression contains a reminiscence of Lucret. 1. 926 '*iuvat . . . novos decerpere flores, Insignemque meo capiti petere inde coronam Unde prius nulli velarint tempora Musae*,' a passage which Horace imitates again in Od. 1. 26. 6, 7. The 'olive' leaf is specially named as the appropriate crown for one who wrote of Athens: Bentley quotes Sen. Herc. F. 913 '*Populea nostras arbor exornet comas, Te ramus oleae fronde gentili tegat, Theseu*.'

undique, 'by every one,' parallel to the use of '*unde*' = 'a quo,'

of the agent, Sat. 1. 6. 12, &c. All other interpretations are more forced. Orelli takes it 'to pluck the olive for a crown from every quarter of Attic soil,' i.e. to sing of every myth, event, glory of art, that adorn Athens.

8. **plurimus**. There seems to be no other instance of 'plurimus' without a subst. for 'plurimi.' Ritter will not allow the use, and takes 'plurimus in Iunonis honorem' as = 'effusus in,' as 'multus esse in re nota,' Cic. de Or. 2. 87. But if Virgil says 'plurimus oleaster,' G. 2. 182, and Lucan, 3. 707, 'multus sua vulnera puppi Affixit moriens,' 'plurimus' may well be used for the plural here.

in honorem, for the accus. cp. Epod. 1. 24 'militabitur in tuae spem gratiae.'

9. **aptum equis**, *ἰππόβοτον, ἰπποτρόφον*, Hom.; 'rarum pecorique et vitibus almis Aptibus uber erit,' Virg. G. 2. 234.

ditis Mycenae, *πολυχρύσους*, Il. 8. 180.

10. **patiens**, of the Spartan discipline.

11. **percussit**, as we say, 'has so smitten me,' has made such an impression on me.

opimae, Homer's *ἐριβώλαξ Λάρισα*, Il. 2. 841; 'opimae Sardiniae segetes,' Od. 1. 31. 3, Virg. Aen. 2. 782.

12. **domus Albunae**. Albunea was the Sibyl of Tibur. Her temple here spoken of is usually identified now not with the 'temple of the Sibyl,' as it is commonly called, but with the second ancient temple, now the church of S. Giorgio, which stands close to it on the brink of the precipitous ravine through which the 'old fall' of the Anio descends. The topography of Tibur is especially difficult on account of the changes which great inundations have caused in the course of the Anio. One such is described in Plin. Epp. 8. 17. Another, in A. D. 1825, led to the excavation of the tunnels through the Monte Catillo, by which the larger part of the river is now conducted to the 'new falls' beyond the reach of the rocks on which the town is built.

resonantis, echoing from the cataract close by.

13. **Tiburni**, acc. to Virg. Aen. 7. 672, Tiburnus (Virg. calls him 'Tiburtus'), Catillus ('Catilus,' Hor. Od. 1. 18. 2), and Coras were three Argive brothers, founders of Tibur.

14. **mobilibus rivis**. 'A third portion of the Anio is diverted just above the bridge into canals apparently of very ancient date, which, passing completely through the centre of the town, are used as the motive power of watermills of every kind and then fall again (the falls known as the "Cascatelle") into the main stream at various points of the romantic cliffs on the western hill side.' Burn's Rome and the Campagna, p. 394.

15. **albus**, predicative. The south wind is sometimes *λευκόνωτος*, not always 'niger Auster.' The lesson is that the very same wind which brings the clouds will presently clear them. 'Albus' as 'albus Iapyx,' Od. 3. 27. 19; 'candidi Favonii,' 3. 7. 1.

16. **parturit**, see on Od. 4. 5. 26.

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17. **sapiens**, 'be wise and remember,' &c., Od. I. II. 6 'sapias, vina liques.'

19. **molli**, 'mellow,' as 'lene,' Od. 3. 29. 2. It breaks the flow of the sentence needlessly to take 'molli,' with Ritter, as an imperative.

20. **tenent**... **tenebit**, 'as now,' 'as by and by,' stress is clearly laid on the tenses, so that apparently Plancus was now, or might be supposed to be, campaigning.

21 foll. The story of Teucer's ill reception by his father Telamon when he returned without Ajax, and of his founding a new Salamis in Cyprus, was the subject, no doubt, of the 'Teucer' of Sophocles, of which one or two fragments remain. It is also the subject of allusions in other writers, as in Pind. Nem. 4. 73. The 'Teucer' of Pacuvius was specially admired by Cicero (de Or. I. 57. 246) and the words attributed to Teucer in Tusc. 5. 37. 108 ('ad omnem rationem Teucris vox accommodari potest: Patria est ubicumque est bene') no doubt came from just such a speech to his companions as Horace is here imagining.

22. **cum fugeret**, when he was starting on his banishment.

23. **populea**, sacred to Hercules, to whom as a wanderer Teucer would offer sacrifice; 'vagus Hercules,' Od. 3. 3. 9. Orelli quotes Xenophon, Anab. 6. 2. 9, who speaks of sacrificing τῷ ἡγεμόνι 'Ηρακλεῖ.

27. **duce et auspice**, 'under Teucer's conduct and Teucer's star,' a curious technicality of Roman military life to put into Teucer's mouth: 'ductu et auspicio,' Liv. 6. 12; 'domuit partim ductu partim auspiciis suis Cantabriam,' &c., Suet. Oct. 21. The two did not necessarily belong to the same person. The auspices were taken in the name of the emperor, and the 'felicitas' was his, see Od. 4. 14. 33 foll. Horace has not exactly reproduced the technical phrase, for we find 'auspiciis Camilli, Augusti,' &c., not 'auspice Camillo.' 'Auspex' is used elsewhere either of the person who attends the emperor and actually takes the auspices, or if in the sense of 'patron,' then only of some god who by omens or otherwise sanctions an enterprise; see Epp. 1. 3. 13 'auspice Musa'; but Keller has pointed to Lucan's 'contentique auspice Bruto,' 2. 371. Meanwhile a certain amount of doubt hangs over the reading. Some good MSS. have 'auspice Teucris,' and Acron's note looks as if he had found that reading, '*auspice*. Fautore vel suasore, Apollinem dicit cuius responsa vel promissa sequebatur.' Victorinus (fourth century), who is quoted in defence of the vulg., gives no support to it. He only quotes the line for its metre, and two of the best MSS. of his work read 'Teucris.' If we accept 'Teucris' it may mean either 'under the guidance of Teucer and of Teucer's patron,' sc. Apollo; or 'while Teucer is Teucer's guide and patron.' Neither is quite satisfactory. Bentley reads ex conj. 'Phoebo,' which would satisfy Acron's note, though not so probably as 'Teucris.' The slight variation of a technical phrase, which is the main ground on which Bentley opposed the vulg., is really quite in Horace's

manner, see on Od. 3. 5. 42. Keller, who in the edition of 1864 read 'Teucro,' returns in his later editions to 'Teucro,' but punctuates before it, constructing it with 'promisit.' The rhythm is against this.

28. **certus**, σαφής, ἀψευδής.

29. **ambiguum**, 'that in a new land there should be a Salamis to dispute the name,' cp. the use of ἀμφίλεκτος, Aesch. Ag. 1585. Lucan, 3. 183, in memory of this place, 'veram Salamina.' Cp. Virgil's 'falsi Simoentis,' 'simulata Pergama,' Aen. 3. 302, 349.

30. **peioraque passi**, Virg. Aen. 1. 199 'O socii, neque enim ignari sumus ante malorum, O passi graviora.' As Virgil is evidently imitating a whole passage of Homer, Od. 12. 208 foll. ὦ φίλοι, οὐ γάρ πώ τι κακῶν ἀδαήμονές εἰμεν· οὐ μὲν δὴ τόδε μείζον ἔπι κακόν, ἢ ὅτε κ.τ.λ. and as neither 'passi peiora' nor 'passi graviora' are a literal rendering of anything in Homer, it seems to follow that Horace had seen this part of the Aeneid, when he so wrote.

32. **iterabimus**, 'take again to the boundless sea,' which he had just crossed from Troy. It gives much more force to the dreariness of 'ingens' than to suppose that they had landed for the night in their flight, see on v. 23.

ODE VIII

'LYDIA, your love is ruining young Sybaris. He is no more to be seen on horseback, in the Tiber, at wrestling matches, quoits, javelin-throwing. He is lost to manly life like Achilles in his woman's dress.'

The name of 'Sybaris,' at least, is chosen to suit the ideal character.

Metre—*The Greater Sapphic*.

4. **patiens**, in age and strength capable of bearing, as Juv. 7. 33 'aetas Et pelagi patiens et cassidis atque ligonis.'

5. **militaris**, as a soldier, in soldierly exercises. For these, cp. Od. 3. 7. 25–28, 3. 12. 7–9, S. 2. 2. 9 foll., Epp. 1. 18. 52, A. P. 379.

6. **equitat**. It will be seen in the *apparatus criticus* to the text that the majority of MSS. give 'equitet... temperet.' The indicative is more lively than the continuation of the indirect question; and the mood of 'properes' and 'oderit' will account for copyists giving the subjunctive. Bentley remarks that they would have completed their work, and written 'timeat,' 'vitet,' 'gestet,' if they had not been stopped by the metre at 'timet.'

Gallica ora='ora equorum Gallicorum': the best Roman horses came from Gaul, Tac. Ann. 2. 5 'fessas Gallias ministrandis equis.'

lupatis, sc. 'frenis,' bits roughened with jagged points like wolves' teeth, used for taming the fiercer horses. 'Asper equus duris contunditur ora lupatis,' Ov. Am. 1. 3. 15; Virg. G. 3. 208 'duris parere lupatis.'

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8. **olivum**, i.e. the oil with which wrestlers anointed themselves, so that it stands for the 'palaestra.'

9. **sanguine viperino**, held to be a deadly poison, Epod. 3. 6.

10. **armis**, the 'arma campestris' of A. P. 379, the 'discus' and the javelin. The bruises would be due to the 'discus,' which was not a hollow ring, as our quoit, but a solid disc, of a foot in diameter, held between the fingers and the inside of the forearm: see the description of its use in Stat. Theb. 6. 616 foll., esp. v. 670 'verset Quod latus in digitos, mediae quod certius ulnae Conveniat.' It well might leave marks on the arm.

12. **trans finem expedito** qualifies 'disco' as well as 'iaculo'; for the object in throwing the 'discus' was only to throw it the greatest distance. For a description of the game, see Hom. Od. 8. 186 foll. That which Ulysses threw *ὑπέρπτατο σήματα πάντων | ῥίμφα θέων ἀπὸ χειρός*. 'Expedire,' 'to send it clear beyond.'

14. **filium Thetidis**. How Achilles was concealed by his mother in woman's disguise, and how he was discovered by the way in which he handled some weapons which Ulysses introduced in a pack of female wares, is told by Ovid, Met. 13. 162 foll. The story is post-Homeric.

ODE IX

'It is midwinter. Well, pile on more logs, and bring out larger supplies of wine. When the gods will, spring will come back. Do not look forward. Each day that you get is so much gained. Enjoy it. Love and dance and play while you can, for old age is coming.'

The lessons of Epicureanism drawn for winter, as Ode 4 drew them for spring.

The opening is copied from Alcaeus, Fr. 34:—

ὔει μὲν ὁ Ζεὺς, ἐκ δ' ὀρανῶ μέγας
χειμῶν, πεπάγασιν δ' ὑδάτων ῥοαί.

.
κάββαλλε τὸν χειμῶν', ἐπὶ μὲν τίθεις
πῦρ, ἐν δὲ κίρναϊς οἶνον ἀφειδέως
μελιχρόν, αὐτὰρ ἀμφὶ κόρσῃ
μαλθακὸν ἀμφιτίθη γνόφαλλον.

Horace has given a Roman dress to it, and the conclusion is probably his own.

'Thaliarchus' seems to be neither a real proper name, nor the title of an office, as though it were the same as *συμποσίαρχος*, but an imaginary name, chosen or coined with a view to its etymological meaning 'prince of good cheer,' and meant to describe the person addressed as the representative of youth and merriment.

Compare Epod. 13 with its sudden change to the singular number in v. 6, as though he were addressing the master or the 'ruler of the feast,' 'Tu vina Torquato move consule pressa meo.' The whole poem presents a strong resemblance in thought and expression.

1. **stet**, a natural word to use of a solitary hill which 'stands up' or 'rises' out of a plain; but possibly from its position it is here meant to describe rather the depth and firmness of the snow, as Virgil's 'pulvere caelum stare,' Aen. 12. 407, of a thick and palpable cloud of dust; as we should say, 'stands deep in snow.'

2. **Soracte**, Virg. Aen. 11. 785, *hod.* 'Monte S. Oreste'; a mountain of Etruria, 2,420 feet high, about twenty-six miles north of Rome. Its striking outline, separated from the main range of the Apennines by the broad Tiber valley, makes it a conspicuous feature in all northern views across the Campagna.

4. **acuto**, 'piercing.' Virgil's 'penetrabile frigus,' G. 1. 93.

5. **dissolve**. The frost is a chain that binds man as well as the earth and streams. Od. 1. 4. 1 'solvitur acris hyems.'

6. **reponens**, piling, laying again and again. The participle is gerundial.

7. **deprome**. The verb is used both of 'bringing out' wine from the 'apotheca,' or other place of storing, Od. 1. 37. 5 'depromere Caecubum Cellis avitis'; and of 'drawing it off' from the 'amphora,' or some larger vessel, as in Epod. 2. 47 'promens dolio.' The latter sense seems to be given to it here by the addition of 'benignius.'

quadrimum; four years was a fair time to keep wine of the kind.

Sabina. Wine from a Sabine jar = Sabine wine; cp. Od. 3. 16. 34 'Laestrygonia amphora.' Sabine wine was not among the better kinds, but it was such as Horace would drink himself, Od. 1. 20. 1, and he supposes the person whom he addresses to have means such as his own. 'A fire and some wholesome country wine are enough to keep out the cold.'

8. **diota**, probably the same as the 'amphora.' Both names refer to the two handles or ears.

9. Epod. 13 'Cetera mitte loqui: deus haec fortasse benigna Reducet in sedem vice.' 'Make the best of winter, its storms will cease when the gods will, and spring will come back.' There is certainly there, and probably here also, a suggestion of a winter and spring of fortune; cp. Od. 3. 29. 43 'Vixi: cras vel atra Nube polum pater occupato, Vel sole puro.'

simul = 'simulac.'

11. **deproeliantis**, see on Od. 1. 3. 13.

13. **fuge quaerere**, Od. 2. 4. 22 'fuge suspicari'; Epp. 2. 2. 150 'fugeres curarier.'

14. **lucro appone**, 'set it down as clear gain.'

16. **neque tu**, 'nor, pray,' calls especial attention to the prayer which follows, so Od. 1. 11. 1 'tu ne quaesieris.' Here Horace's prayer is represented as becoming more urgent as it goes on,

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the 'tu' appears with the second clause. So Epp. 1. 2. 63 'hunc frenis, hunc tu compesce catenis'; so in Greek σὺ γὰρ.

17. **virenti**, Od. 4. 13. 6 'virentis Chiaë'; Epod. 13. 4 'dumque virent genua'; so a hale old age is called 'viridis senectus.'

18. **areae**, the open spaces in Rome, especially round temples, so that we hear of the 'area Concordiae,' &c.

20. **composita**, 'the hour of tryst'; Juv. 3. 16 'ubi nocturnae Numa constituebat amicae.'

21 foll. 'Now too the sweet tell-tale laugh from the secret corner that betrays the hiding girl'; 'repetatur' is understood from the last sentence. Compare the lover's play in Virg. E. 3. 63 'Et fugit ad salices et se cupit ante videri.' Dillenburger calls attention to the symmetrical arrangement of the adjectives and their substantives: 'latentis puellae,' 'proditor risus,' 'intimo angulo'; 'puellae' seems to depend ἀπὸ κοινοῦ on 'proditor' and 'risus.'

24. **male pertinaci**. Probably='faintly resisting.' She is not sorry her lover should get the ring or ribbon.

ODE X

'HYMNUS est in Mercurium ab Alcaeo lyrico poeta,' Porph. Pausanias, 7. 20, mentions a hymn to Hermes by Alcaeus, and that it contained the story of his theft of the oxen. Among the fragments of his poetry (Fr. 3 Bergk) there is what seems to be the first line of a Sapphic Ode to Hermes:—

χαῖρε Κυλλάνας ὁ μέδεις, σὲ γάρ μοι.

The Ode is a study, and doubtless an imitation, not a translation, from Greek.

Mercurius, identified with the Greek Hermes, is celebrated as the teacher of language; of the palaestra; of the lyre; of craft, theft included; as the herald, πομπαῖος, on earth and below it.

Compare Ovid, Fast. 5. 663-692 'Clare nepos Atlantis,' &c.

1. **facunde**, λόγιος is a frequent epithet of Hermes; so he is the mouth-piece of the gods, 'interpretes Divum.'

nepos, as the son of Maia 'quam Atlas generat,' Virg. Aen. 8. 141.

3. **voce formasti**, comp. Horace's account of man before the invention of language, Sat. 1. 3. 100 'mutum et turpe pecus.'

catus, 'by thy wit'; Varro, L. L. 7. 46, says that it is a Sabine word meaning properly 'sharp.'

decorae, 'grace-giving.'

4. **more**, 'rule,' 'institution.' Pind. Ol. 6. 126 τεθμὸν ἀέθλων.

7. **callidum condere**, for inf. see App. 2. § 2.

9. **olim**, so 'puerum' in the next line, 'long ago,' 'when still a mere boy.' It was on the very day of his birth according to the Homeric Hymn εἰς Ἑρμῆν, 20. The construction is 'dum terret

nisi reddidisses,' 'while trying to frighten you with threats of what he would do if you did not return the kine.' The tense 'reddidisses' (instead of 'reddideris') is due to the historic present, 'terret,' which follows 'dum.' Dräger, *Hist. Syntax*, § 507, 1. A. β.

11. **viduus risit**, like 'sensit delapsus,' laughed to find himself robbed.

14. **dives**, with his rich presents, ἀπερείσι' ἄποινα, see Hom. Il. 24. 228 foll. Mercury, the best of thieves, is the best of guardians against theft, like Plato's δεινὸς φύλαξ φῶρ δεινός, *Republ.* p. 334 a.

15. **ignis . . . iniqua**, it was neither because they were not watching, nor because they were friends, that he was able to pass safely. 'Thessalos ignis,' the watchfires of Achilles. Cp. Od. 2. 4. 10 'Thessalo victore.'

17 foll. His functions as ψυχοπομπός. The 'levis turba,' the 'shadowy throng,' εἶδωλα καμόντων, are distinguished from the fewer 'piaae animae.'

17. **reponis**. The 're' gives the idea, of 'aside,' 'out of the way,' 'in safety,' 'in repose.' So Virg. *Aen.* 6. 655 'tellure repositos.'

18. **coerces**, of keeping a flock together, preventing them straying by the way, Od. 1. 24. 18. Hermes carries ῥάβδον χρυσεῖην when he drives the suitors' souls to Hades in Hom. Od. 24. 1 foll.

ODE XI

'Do not go to the Astrologers, Leuconoe. Better bear life as it comes; enjoy the present, and think as little as possible about the future.'

On the 'mathematici' see Dict. Ant. s. v. Astrologia; 'genus hominum potentibus infidum, sperantibus fallax, quod in civitate nostra et vetabitur semper et retinebitur,' Tac. *Hist.* 1. 22. Horace himself was not above an interest in the superstition of the day, see Od. 2. 17, and Sat. 1. 6. 113.

The name of Leuconoe is chosen doubtless in part at least as a pretty sounding name which suits the Choriambic metre, as Neobule and Liparaeus suit the Ionic a minore of Od. 3. 12. It is possible also that Horace may have looked to its etymology, but it is hard for us to say whether it would have conveyed a complimentary sense or the reverse; 'candida' or 'clara mente' say some of his editors, 'empty-minded' say others. Pindar's λευκαὶ φρένες, *Pyth.* 4. 194, which is quoted in support of the latter view, seems rather to imply 'malignity' than 'folly.'

Metre—*Second Asclepiad*.

1. **tu**, see on Od. 1. 9. 16. The use of the pronoun emphasizes the prayer, 'Pray do not.'

quaesieris, *Madv.* § 386. The usual tense in prohibitions

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addressed to the second person. 'Hoc facito; hoc ne feceris,' Cic. Div. 2. 61, so Od. 1. 18. 1 'nullam . . . severis arborem.'

3. *numeros*, 'tables,' 'calculations,' Juv. 6. 576. Cic. Div. 2. 47 'rationes Chaldaeas.'

ut melius, ὅσῳ βέλτιον, 'How much better is it!' so in prose, Cic. Mil. 24 'Ut contempsit ac pro nihilo putavit,' &c.

4. *seu . . . seu*. It is a question whether the apodosis is to be looked for in 'ut melius,' &c., or in 'sapias.' Perhaps the latter is best, as avoiding an awkward break in the run of v. 6.

5. *debilitat*, breaks the force of, beats the waves on the rocks till they are tired.

pumicibus, of any rocks 'vesco sale peresa' (Lucr. 1. 326); so Virg. Aen. 5. 214.

6. *sapias*, Od. 1. 7. 17.

liques, 'clear.' This was done either with a linen strainer, or by other means, such as those described in Sat. 2. 4. 55.

spatio brevi, 'by the thought of the little span of life.'

7. *dum loquimur*, imitated by Pers. 5. 153 'Vive memor leti: fugit hora; hoc quod loquor inde est.'

8. *carpe diem*. What is the metaphor? Is it of plucking a flower; 'velox Flosculus angustae miseraeque brevissima vitae Portio,' Juv. 9. 126? or perhaps rather (as Orelli) 'snatch,' ἀρπάζε, 'fugitiva gaudia carpe,' Mart. 7. 47. 11, 'catch them by the sleeve as they run'?

ODE XII.

'WHAT man wilt thou sing of, Clio? what demigod? what god?—sing of, till the hill of Helicon rings his name again, or the woods of Haemus follow to listen, as they did when Orpheus sang? What god, but Jove first, and Pallas next, Liber, Diana, Phoebus. For demigods, Hercules and the Twin Brethren who calm the stormy sea. And of men: Romulus and all the Roman worthies; Marcellus, the lustre of whose name grows with each generation; the Julian house, which outshines all others as the moon outshines the stars; Caesar, the hope of the human race, the vicegerent of Jove himself.'

The framework of the Ode is suggested by the opening of Pind. Ol. 2:—

ἀναξιφόρμυγες ὕμνοι
τίνα θεόν, τίν' ἥρωα, τίνα δ' ἄνδρα κελαδήσομεν;

If we compare this Ode with the Second it carries Horace's acceptance of the Caesarean régime a step further. That Ode welcomes it as the end of civil war, this as the crown of Roman history. The place given to Marcellus in the climax suggests a special occasion and gives a limit of date to the Ode, see *Intro.* to Odes i–iii. § 2. It cannot have been written and can hardly have been published after his untimely death in the autumn of B.C. 23.

It links his name too closely to the Julian house to have been written before Augustus had given unmistakeable proof of his intentions towards him. It is natural to think of his betrothal and marriage to Julia in B.C. 25. See on v. 47.

1. *lyra vel acri tibia*, see on Od. i. 1. 32, and on 3. 4. 1.

2. *sumis celebrare*, App. 2. § 1.

Clio, see on Od. i. 1. 32.

3-6. *Clio* is to sing, not *Horace*, and so the song will be sung in the Muses' haunts on *Helicon* (in *Boeotia*), on *Pindus* (in *Thessaly*, Virg. E. 10. 11), or on *Haemus*, the old home of *Orpheus* (in *Thrace*, Virg. G. 2. 488).

3. *iocosa imago*, Od. i. 20. 7; in neither case is any specially freakish echo intended.

5. *oris*, not confined to the seashore, Od. i. 26. 4.

7-13. A reminiscence of the power of song. He implies, 'let your song be such as that.'

7. *temere*, '*pell-mell*,' '*nullo ordine*,' in their hurry to hear.

9. *arte materna*, *Calliope's*, Virg. E. 4. 57.

11. *blandum ducere*, App. 2. § 2.

13. *dicam*, a usual word with *Horace* for '*canere*,' '*praedicare*,' cp. Od. i. 17. 19, i. 19. 12, i. 21. 1, 3. 4. 1, &c.

parentis, 'the sire' of gods and men. The v. l. '*parentum*,' was due to a misunderstanding of the purpose of the Ode, as though it was simply to 'praise famous men and the fathers who begat us.' With the '*Quid prius dicam?*' cp. Virg. E. 3. 60 '*Ab love principium, Musae*,' Theoc. 17. 1; and for the whole order of the objects of the poet's praises, cp. 4. 15. 28-32 '*deos . . . virtute functos duces . . . progeniem Veneris*.'

14. *qui res*, &c., Virg.-Aen. i. 230 '*O qui res hominumque deumque Aeternis regis imperiis*.'

15. *mundum*, surrounding space.

16. *horis*, like the Gr. *ῥῆσιν*, '*seasons*'; so again A. P. 302 '*sub verni temporis horam*.'

17. *unde*, 'from whom,' of a person, Od. i. 28. 28, Sat. i. 6. 12, 2. 6. 21. The Schol. quote Virg. Aen. i. 6 '*genus unde Latinum*.' Cp. the use of '*undique*,' Od. i. 7. 7.

18. *secundum*, Cic. Brut. 47. 173 '*nec enim in quadrigis eum secundum numeraverim aut tertium qui vix e carceribus exierit cum palmam iam primus acceperit*.'

21. *proeliis audax*. Bentley, followed by Ritter, puts the stop after instead of before these words, making them an epithet of *Pallas*, who is pre-eminently '*Armipotens*,' '*Bellipotens*,' &c. But *Bacchus* is '*idem pacis mediusque belli*' in Od. 2. 19. 28.

22. *Virgo*, *Diana*, the huntress.

25. *Alciden puerosque Ledaë*. A comparison of Od. 3. 3. 9 foll. '*Hac arte Pollux et vagus Hercules*' (cp. also Od. 4. 5. 35) and Epp. 2. 1. 5 foll., seems to show that here also a comparison is hinted between Augustus and the heroes named. The calming

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of the stormy waters in v. 27 foll. is therefore not without significance.

26. Hom. Il. 3. 237 Κάστορά θ' ἰππόδαμον καὶ πύξ ἀγαθὸν Πολυδεύκεα.

pugnis, *πυγμαχία*, 'boxing.'

27. **alba stella**, see on Od. 1. 3. 2; 'alba,' probably as bringing back clear weather, as 'albus Notus,' Od. 1. 7. 15.

29. **agitatus umor**, 'the wind-driven spray.' It has been blown high up the rocks, now it streams down them and is not blown up again.

31. **ponto** is a local ablative, where in strictness we require 'in pontum,' as motion is expressed, Virg. G. 1. 401 'campo recumbunt'; cp. Aen. 5. 481 'procumbit humi bos.'

34. **superbos Tarquini fascis**. The apparent mention of Tarquinius Superbus among the Roman worthies has troubled commentators from the Scholiasts downwards. The latter are driven to take the words impossibly of Tarquinius Priscus. A comparison of Virg. Aen. 6. 817, 818, seems to show that it is no merit of Tarquin, but the glory of the Regifugium that Horace is recalling. His selection of Roman names will then be, the Founders of Rome's warlike fame and of her law and religion, the first instance and the latest of devotion 'pulchra pro libertate,' the representatives of her military spirit, (1) as to contempt of death, (2) as to loyalty and simplicity of life. Bentley, in his wish to bind Horace to a chronological order which in such cases he never follows, would rob him of the credit of the tribute to a lost cause (see on Od. 2. 7) by reading *ex mera conj.* 'anne Curti.'

37. **Regulum**, see on Od. 3. 5.

Scauros. The reference is probably, as Kiessling suggested, to a story told of M. Aemilius Scaurus and his son (3 and 4 in Dict. Biog. s. v. 'Scaurus'). The son had shown cowardice in the war against the Cimbri, and on returning home was ordered from his father's presence, and feeling the disgrace put an end to his own life. They are named as illustrating the old military spirit.

38. **Paulum**, L. Aemilius Paulus, the Consul who refused to leave the fatal field of Cannae, Liv. 22. 38 foll.

40. **Fabricium**, C. Fabricius Luscinus, Cos. B.C. 282 and 278; 'parvo potentem Fabricium,' Virg. Aen. 6. 844. The story of his refusal to avail himself of treachery against Pyrrhus is told by Cicero, Off. 3. 22; stories of his contended poverty by Val. Max. 4. 3. 6; cp. Cic. Tusc. 3. 23.

41-44. 'He and Curius of hair unkempt were bred to do good service in war, and Camillus too, by stern poverty and the ancestral farm with its cottage home to match.' They were 'rusticorum mascula militum proles,' Od. 3. 6. 37.

41. **incomptis**, cp. Od. 2. 15. 11 'intonsi Catonis,' of Cato the Censor. Pliny (N. H. 7. 59) says that the first 'tonsor' was brought to Rome from Sicily in B.C. 300, and that Scipio Africanus was the first Roman who was shaved daily. To have lived before

the days of barbers implies antiquity, and the absence of softer modern habits.

Curium, M. Curius Dentatus, who as Consul won the battle of Beneventum, B.C. 275. He is a standing example of ancient Roman simplicity. 'Qui Curios simulant,' Juv. 2. 3; cp. id. 11. 78 foll. Cicero, de Sen. 16. 56, numbers him among the worthies who 'a villa in senatum arcessebantur.'

45. 'As a tree grows by the unmarked lapse of time, so grows the glory of Marcellus'; so the glory of the house, dating at least from the captor of Syracuse (B.C. 212), is now culminating in the young Marcellus.

occulto, as Lucret., of the wearing away of iron by infinitesimal decrements, 'occulte decrescit vomer in arvis,' 1. 315.

47. **Iulium sidus**, 'the star of Julius' is the same as 'Caesaris astrum,' Virg. E. 9. 47, the comet which appeared after Julius Caesar's death. Here it stands for the name and greatness of the Julian house. The closeness of the conjunction of Marcellus and the Julian house lends colour to the suggestion that the occasion of the Ode was the marriage or betrothal of the young Marcellus to Julia.

51. **fatis**, as often 'fato.' The fates are not here personified.

secundo Caesare, 'with Caesar for thy second.' Some editors, as Kiessling, see a definite reference to v. 18 in which Horace had denied that there could be a 'second' to Jupiter. The flattery would be gross for Horace, and if it were meant it would be more unmistakeably expressed. If not intended, however, the repetition is a defect in art. For a similar one see on Od. 3. 4. 49.

53-57. He—it is only a choice of triumphs, we do not know what the first will be—shall rule the world.

53. **Latio imminentis**. For the exaggeration cp. Od. 3. 6. 9-16.

54. **iusto**, 'well-earned.'

55. **subiectos**, &c., 'that border the land of the rising sun'; so in Liv. 2. 38. 1 'campus viae subiectus'; 'sub' of succession.

orae, see on v. 5.

56. **Seras**, Od. 1. 29. 9, 3. 29. 27, 4. 15. 23. They stand with Horace for the peoples of the extreme East. He probably knew nothing of them except that silk came across Asia from them, Virg. G. 2. 121. As described by ancient geographers, 'Serica' is supposed to correspond to the north-west provinces of the present empire of China.

57. **te minor**, 'while he bows to thee,' Od. 3. 6. 5 'Dis te minorem quod geris imperas.' It is not merely a division of sovereignty, 'Caesar on earth, Jove in heaven' (cp. Od. 3. 5. 1), but the two sovereignties are connected. The rule of Caesar is the restoration of religion.

latum. The MSS. are fairly divided between 'latum' and 'laetum'; 'latum' seems to sum up the feeling of the last stanza best, 'laetum' would mean 'to its joy.'

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59. **parum castis.** Lightning striking a place was held to prove that it had been polluted by some crime, and the spot was covered lest any should tread on it. Dict. Ant. s. v. 'bidental,' and cp. Hor. A. P. 471; so that Horace, with a more general meaning, selects a particular instance, popularly recognized, of the moral government of Jove, 'Caelo tonantem credidimus Iovem Regnare.'

ODE XIII

'IT is torture to me, Lydia, to hear you for ever praising Telephus. Love as passionate and boisterous as his is not the love that lasts. Happy they that are bound in that true chain!'

Metre—*Third Asclepiad*.

1. **Telephi . . . Telephi,** 'of Telephus—always Telephus.' The repetition is emphatic; cp. Epod. 14. 6, and one interpretation of Virg. E. 7. 70 'Ex illo Corydon, Corydon est tempore nobis.' The name of Telephus recurs in 3. 19. 26 and 4. 11. 21, and always of the same ideal character, a youth, 'puro similis vespero,' whose beauty brings the ladies to his feet.

2. **roseam.** Virg. Aen. 1. 402 gives Venus a 'rosea cervix.' It seems to describe the pink blush of life and health.

cerea. Servius, on Virg. E. 2. 53, explains this epithet as meaning 'soft,' 'supple.' Flavius Caper, a grammarian older than Servius, quotes the passage as running 'lactea . . . braccia,' and interprets it 'candida,' which may mean either that he had found 'lactea' (possibly as a gloss on 'cerea') or that he had interpreted 'cerea,' 'white,' and then forgotten the exact word which Horace had used instead of the simple 'candida.'

4. **difficili,** χαλεπῶ. The ancients believed the liver to be the seat of passion, attributing anger and even madness to fullness of bile. 'Difficilis' is used properly of a man who is ill-tempered, as A. P. 173 'difficilis, querulus': the epithet is transferred to the bile which is supposed to make him so.

5. **nec mens nec color.** Almost a zeugma, like Virgil's 'inceptoque et sedibus haeret in isdem,' Aen. 2. 654, the use of the same verb of a mental and a physical fact; 'my mind reels and my colour comes and goes.'

6. **manet.** The singular is strongly supported by Bentley on grammatical grounds, and is found in B. Most of the other MSS. have 'manent,' an alteration, no doubt, to suit the supposed necessity of the metre—but it is one of the cases noticed on Od. 1. 3. 36.

8. **quam:** best taken, as Kiessling, with 'penitus,' 'how deep go the slow fires that consume me.'

14. **perpetuum,** 'constant.'

15. *oscula* = 'labella,' 'the pretty lips,' Virg. Aen. i. 256 'Oscula libavit natae.'

16. *quinta parte*. Ibycus according to Athenaeus, 2. p. 39 B, called *honey* ἔννατον μέρος τῆς ἀμβροσίας. And the Scholiast, on Pind. Pyth. 9. 116, says that honey had been said to be δέκατον μέρος τῆς ἀθανασίας. It is possible that Horace may have had some such words in his head in giving this numerical ratio of the sweetness of Lydia's lips. Another suggestion to which Orelli inclines, is that he is thinking of Pythagoras' division of the elements, earth, air, fire, water, and ether, the πέμπτον ὄν, πέμπτη οὐσία, 'quinta essentia,' the most perfect element; so that 'quinta pars' will mean the 'purest and best' of her nectar. This is the proper meaning of the word 'quintessence' which was adopted, with other words of the Pythagorean philosophy, by the Alchemists, and passed from their use of it into common language.

20. *suprema citius die*, 'sooner than at death.' We may say that 'citius' is used for 'citius quam,' as 'amplius' and 'plus'; 'neque enim plus septima ducitur aestas,' Virg. G. 4. 207; or that the ablative does double duty, as the ablative of comparison and of the point of time. Cp. Od. 4. 14. 13 'plus vice simplici.'

ODE XIV

THE ship addressed has just escaped from a storm, its mast broken, its hull shattered, its sails in ribands. The harbour is in sight. The wind is rising again. It is warned not to drift back into a sea in which it cannot live.

Quintilian (8. 6. 44) makes the Ode his illustration of the meaning of the term 'allegoria': 'Ut "O navis referent," &c., totusque ille Horatii locus quo navem pro republica, fluctuum tempestates pro bellis civilibus, portum pro pace atque concordia dicit.' And the poem of Alcaeus, which looks like its model, was believed by the ancients to be an allegorical description of the political troubles of Mytilene:—

ἀσυνέτημι τῶν ἀνέμων στάσιν·
τὸ μὲν γὰρ ἔνθεν κῆμα κυλίνδεται,
τὸ δ' ἔνθεν ἄμμες δ' ἂν τὸ μέσσον
νῆϊ φορούμεθα σὺν μελαίῃᾳ,
χειμῶνι μόχθεντες μεγάλῳ μάλα·
περ μὲν γὰρ ἄντλος ἱστοπέδαυ ἔχει,
λαΐφος δὲ πᾶν ζάδηλον ἤδη
καὶ λάκιδες μεγάλαι κατ' αὐτο.
χόλαισι δ' ἄγκυραι . . .

(Fr. 18 Bergk.)

As long as we are content with Quintilian's general exposition, all is simple. The allegory is satisfied when the commonwealth, in danger of relapsing into civil war, has become a sea-wearied ship,

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drifting back into the storm. The masts, the sails, the pine of Pontus, the Cyclades, belong to the ship, and we must not look for their exact counterparts in the State. Here, as with other allegories, we are beset with difficulties the moment we attempt to fit the details more exactly. It has been argued, for instance, from vv. 17, 18, that Horace speaks of the ship as if he had himself left it (but see notes on those verses), and that the subject of the Ode must, therefore, be not the State but the Republican party. Why, others ask, is it a Pontic pine, not some other—Idean, perhaps, as more suitable to the mythical origin of Rome? Acron suggested an answer, which has since been developed into a whole theory of the purpose of the Ode. Pompey was the conqueror of Mithridates of Pontus. The ship, therefore, represents the fortunes of his son, Sextus Pompeius, whom Horace would dissuade from embarking again in war with Octavianus after the treaty of Misenum, B.C. 39. This view, if there were no other reason against it, would carry the Ode into the time of the earliest Epodes.

The difficulties of interpretation seemed so great to Muretus, Dacier, and Bentley, that they refused to allow the Ode to be allegorical at all.

On our view there will be nothing to fix it to a definite date. The ship is in sight of harbour. This distinguishes the Ode from Epodes 7 and 16 (see the Introductions to them). It is not yet moored beyond the reach of the wind. So long as the most timid politician could see in any movement a thought of renewed resistance to the rule which had saved Rome from anarchy, so long might Horace have vented his fears, or appealed to the fears of others by this allegory.

A more plausible suggestion of Torrentius, which Franke adopts, finds an occasion for the Ode in B.C. 29, when Augustus, according to the statement both of Suetonius (Oct. 28) and of Dion (52. 1), entertained the thought of abandoning the supreme power which had just fully come into his hands. Dion gives a speech of Maecenas on that occasion, in which he uses the very allegory of the Ode. It is however certain that Horace drew his image, not from any speech of Maecenas, but from Alcaeus. Dion may more probably have taken it from Horace.

The image of a ship for the State is an old one. See, inter alia, Aesch. Sept. c. T. 1, Soph. O. T. 25, Plat. Rep. p. 488, Theognis, 671-682.

Metre—*Fifth Asclepiad*.

1. **referent . . . novi**, a double statement. Fresh waves are rising, and they will carry thee back. Horace speaks of the civil war under the same metaphor in Od. 2. 7. 15 'Te rursus in bellum resorbens Unda fretis tulit aestuosis,' and in Epp. 2. 2. 47 'Civilis . . . belli . . . aestus'; although in those cases it is individuals, not the State, who are battling with the waves.

2. **fortiter occupa portum**, 'make a brave effort and gain the

harbour first,' i. e. before the fresh waves prevent you. The ship is still outside the bar.

4. **nudum**, supply 'sit,' as also after 'saucius.' Orelli speaks of this as 'miro zeugmate ex v. "gemant" v. "sit" elicere,' and thinks it far more poetical to make 'gemant' the verb to all three c'ausas. But it is a harsher zeugma to speak of a broadside swept bare of rowers as 'groaning' in the same sense as yardarms. And if 'gemant' apply to all three subjects, the 'antennae' are left without any special description of the injury done to them. For 'vides ut . . . gemant,' the particular sense of 'seeing' being lost after a time in the more general notion of 'perceiving,' cp. Od. 3. 10. 5-8 'Audis quo strepitu ianua . . . remugiat Ventis, et positas ut glaciēt nives Iuppiter,' and Virg. Aen. 4. 490 'mugire videbis Sub pedibus terram et descendere montibus ornos.'

6. **sine funibus**. They are the ὑποζώματα of Plat. Rep. p. 616 C; cp. Acts xxvii. 17 βοηθείαις ἐχρῶντο, ὑποζωννύτες τὸ πλοῖον, ropes passed round the hull to prevent the timbers starting.

7. **durare**, Virg. Aen. 8. 577 'durare laborem.'

carinae, apparently a plural for a sing., the keel and all that belongs to it, the timbers that start from it, the hull, the bottom. Bentley takes it as a proper plural, 'Other ships about you.'

8. **imperiosius**, 'too tyrannous,' 'peremptory.' The sea insists on breaking in, will have no refusal.

10. **non di**, sc. 'sunt integri.' The images of gods which were carried on board as a protection to the ship; Pers. 6. 30 'Iacet ipse in litore, et una Ingentes de puppe dei.'

11. **Pontica**, cp. Catullus, 'Dedicatio Phaseli,' 4. 13 'Amastri Pontica, et Cytore buxifer,' &c.

12. **nobilis**, with 'silvae,' 'a forest of name,' cp. Od. 3. 13. 13 'fies nobilium tu quoque fontium.'

14. **pictis puppibus**, Virg. Aen. 5. 663. Ships in Homer are μιλοπαρήγοι. Seneca, perhaps thinking of this place, Ep. 76 'navis bona dicitur non quae pretiosis coloribus picta est, . . . sed stabilis et firma et iuncturis aquam excludentibus spissa.'

timidus, 'in the time of his fear.'

15, 16. **nisi debes . . . cave**, 'unless thou art doomed to make sport for the winds, take good heed,' i. e. if it is any use to warn you, be warned. 'Cave,' absolutely, as in Epod. 6. 11 'cave . . . cave.' 'Debere' is 'to be bound to give'; it may be, because we have received an equivalent; it may be, as here, by some irreversible law outside of us, as we talk of death as the 'debt' of nature: 'debemur morti nos nostraque,' A. P. 62. The position of 'cave' gives it the necessary emphasis.

17, 18. Here Horace seems to be thinking of the Commonwealth as much as of the ship. The contrast is between the two moments, a few hours ago when the ship was struggling for existence in the storm, and now when it is at the haven's mouth, but still not quite safe. His feeling towards it then was 'a hopeless heart-sickening,' now it is 'a fond yearning and anxious care.'

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18. **desiderium** does not necessarily imply regret for what is lost or impossible to get, see for instance, Od. 3. 1. 25 'desiderantem quod satis est.'

19. **nitentis**, 'fulgentis Cycladas,' Od. 3. 28. 14, of their marble rocks. Perhaps there is a notion of tempting to the eye but destructive.

ODE XV

NEREUS becalms Paris, as he flies with Helen, to foretell to him his own fate and the destruction of Troy.

'Hac ode Bacchylidem imitatur; nam ut ille Cassandram facit vaticinari futura belli Troiani ita hic Proteum,' Porph. (The last word is a slip arising from a reminiscence of the prophecies of Proteus in Hom. Od. 4.) The same statement is repeated by a Scholiast on Stat. Theb. 7. 330. The fine verses which Clement of Alexandria quotes, without giving the name of their author (Strom. 5. 731 ὁ Δυρικός φησι), and which have been commonly believed to belong to this poem (ὦ Τρῶες Ἀρηϊφίλοι, κτλ.) have been found in the papyrus, the text of which was published by the British Museum in 1897, to belong to another poem of Bacchylides and to be part of a speech supposed to be delivered in the Trojan assembly by Menelaus.

The imagery of Horace's Ode is really Homer's rather than that of the Greek lyrists, cp. Od. 1. 6.

A Scholiast calls the Ode an allegory of Antony and Cleopatra, and that explanation of it is adopted by several editors, Landinus, Baxter, and Sanadon. Ritter draws the parallel out in detail. Paris, hidden by Venus in Helen's chamber, is Antony taking refuge in Cleopatra's ship at Actium, &c. The theory cannot be pronounced probable, although it is true that elsewhere (see additional note to Ode 3. 3) Horace seems to have thought of Antony and Cleopatra while telling of Troy and Helen. Mitsch. remarks that to the Scholiast very possibly the suggestion was due to the position of the Ode. The key which had unlocked the last was applied to this. Compare the relation of the next two Odes to one another.

The Ode is imitated by Statius, Achill. i. 20 foll.

Metre—*Fourth Asclepiad*.

1. **pastor**, Virg. Aen. 7. 363 'Phrygius pastor.'

2. **perfidus hospitam**, 'his hostess,' cp. Od. 3. 3. 26 'famosus hospes.' The great sting of Paris' offence was that he ἤσχυνε ξενίαν τράπεζαν κλοπαῖσι γυναικός, Aesch. Ag. 401. For the relation of the two adjectives, cp. 3. 7. 13 'perfida credulum.'

3. **ingrato**, to the winds themselves, as in Virg. Aen. 1. 55 'Illi indignantes magno cum murmure montis Circum claustra fremunt.'

5. Dill^r. remarks on the weight given to the words 'Nereus fata'

by their reservation to this place, the name of the speaker, and the nature of his words. They bespeak attention for the prophecy which follows.

mala avi, Od. 3. 3. 61 'alite lugubri'; Epod. 10. 1 'mala alite'; Od. 4. 6. 23 'potiore alite,' like the Gr. ὄρνις, οἰωνός.

7. rumpere, by a zeugma (Madv. § 478, obs. 4) with 'nuptias' and 'regnum.' The union of the two objects under the one verb helps the feeling that the *same blow* will effect both purposes.

9. Hom. Il. 2. 388 ἰδρώσει μὲν τευ τελαμῶν . . . ἰδρώσει δέ τευ ἵππος.

10. quanta funera, 'what a scene of death!' Virg. Aen. 8. 537 'Heu quantae miseris caedes Laurentibus instant.' See Forc. for this use of 'quanta' with a plural, even where we should rather expect 'quot.' The strongest instance quoted from an Augustan writer is Prop. 1. 5. 10 'Ac tibi curarum milia quanta dabit.' It is poetical, and seems to include the notion of magnitude as well as of number, 'What a mighty host of cares!'

moves, used, without any definite metaphor, of 'setting in motion,' 'beginning,' 'causing.'

Dardanae, Od. 4. 6. 7. The poets, and especially Horace, use the names of nations and tribes as adjectives instead of the fuller derivative forms in -ius or -icus. 'Marsus aper,' Od. 1. 1. 28; 'Medum flumen,' 2. 9. 21; 'Afro murice,' 2. 16. 35; 'Thyna merce,' 3. 7. 3. They extend the liberty even to the proper names of individuals, as here; cp. C. S. 47, Od. 4. 5. 1 'Romulae genti'; Virg. Aen. 6. 877 'Romula tellus.'

12. currusque et rabiem, her rage is one of its own weapons, as Aeneas in Virg. Aen. 12. 107 'acuit mentem et se suscitāt ira'; and Hecuba, in Ov. Met. 13. 554 'se armat et instruit ira.' For the union of abstract and concrete, Orelli quotes Hom. Il. 4. 447 σύν ῥ' ἔβαλον ῥινούς, σύν δ' ἔγχεα καὶ μένε' ἀνδρῶν, and Hor. Od. 1. 35. 33 'cicatricum et sceleris.'

13 foll. Hom. Il. 3. 54 οὐκ ἂν τοι χραίσμη κίθαρις τά τε δῶρ' Ἀφροδίτης, | ἥ τε κόμη τό τε εἶδος, ὅτ' ἐν κονίησι μυγείης.

15. divides. The meaning is doubtful. Orelli understands by it 'halve the song with the guitar,' i.e. between the voice and the guitar, 'make the guitar take half the song.' Or it may conceivably mean 'mark the time of songs,' 'accompany them.' Cp. Luc. 2. 688 'buccina dividat horas,' 'tell the hours,' i.e. 'mark their divisions.' Dill^r. gives it a simpler sense, comparing Od. 1. 36. 6 'sodalibus . . . dividit oscula,' 'sing to one and another'; 'feminis' will then depend, ἀπὸ κοινοῦ, on 'grata' and 'divides.'

16. thalamo, of Venus carrying him from the fight to Helen's chamber, Il. 3. 381.

gravis, compare Homer's spear, βριθύ, μέγα, στιβαρόν; and there is an Horatian contrast between the weighty spear and the light arrow of reed.

17. Gnosii, Cretan, Virg. Aen. 5. 306 'Gnosia spicula'; E. 10. 59 'Cydonia.'

18. celerem sequi, 'Οἴληος ταχὺς Αἴας, Hom. Il. 2. 527, &c.

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20. **crinis**. With 'adulteros crinis,' cp. 'impia cervice,' 3. 1. 17; 'timido tergo,' 3. 2. 16; 'libero tergo,' 3. 5. 22; 'iratos regum apices,' 3. 21. 20; and in Gr. ἐξ ἐλευθέρου δέρης, Aesch. Ag. 328.

24. **sciens pugnae**, Homer's μάχης εὖ εἰδώς, 'citharae sciens,' Od. 3. 9. 10. Orelli points out that the form 'sciens . . . sive opus est,' &c., is very likely from Hom. Od. 9. 49 ἐπιστάμενοι μὲν ἀφ' ἵππων | ἀνδράσι μάρνασθαι καὶ ὅτε χρή πεζὸν ἔόντα.

27. **nosces**, 'thou shalt come to know.'

furit reperire, App. 2. § 1.

28. **melior patre**, from Hom. Il. 4. 405, where Sthenelus says, ἡμεῖς τοι πατέρων μέγ' ἀμείνονες εὐχόμεθ' εἶναι.

31. **sublimi**. Sometimes explained as a rendering of πνεῦμ' ἄνω ἔχειν Menandr. Hal. 3, the μετέωρον πνεῦμα of Hippocrates, of breath arrested; but it is simpler to take it as describing the stag's own attitude 'panting, with head in air,' cp. A. P. 457.

33. **iracunda classis**, the anger which kept Achilles' ships apart from the rest.

diem proferet, 'shall postpone the day of doom.'

34. **Achillei**, see on 'Ulyxei,' Od. 1. 6. 7.

36. For the trochee, as the 'basis' of the line, see Index of metres, § 1.

ODE XVI

'FAIR daughter of a mother fair, though not so fair as you, burn and forget my scurrilous iambics. Passion is as resistless as the afflatus of Cybele, or Apollo, or Bacchus; its expression as noisy and senseless as the cymbals of the Corybantes. We are all liable to it, we all have our share of the lion's heart. You may read its effects in all story. Curb your passion; I too was led astray by it. Forgive me, accept my palinode and be my friend.'

'Tyndaridi satisfacit . . . Imitatus est Stesichorum poetam Siculum qui vituperationem Helenae scribens caecatus est et postea responso Apollinis laudem eius scripsit et oculorum aspectum recepit, cuius rei et in Epodo poeta idem meminit:—

'Infamis Helenae Castor offensus vice
Fraterque magni Castoris victi prece
Adempta vati reddidere lumina.' Acron.

'Hac ode παλινωδίαν repromittit ei in quam probrosum carmen scripserat Tyndaridi amicae suae.' Porph.

In accordance with this the Ode is headed in B and other MSS. 'ad Tyndariden.'

'Cantat palinodiam, i. e. cantando revocat quae scripserat iratus in amicam Gratidiam,' Comm. Cruq. And so some MSS. head it 'Palinodia Gratidiae.' Others unite the two views, and identify 'Tyndaris' with 'Gratidia' or 'Canidia'; 'Palinodia Gratidiae vel Tyndaridis.'

For the first view, which identifies the unknown object of this palinode with the Tyndaris of the following Ode, there seems to be no external argument. There was the temptation to connect the two Odes, to make the invitation of that the complement of the reconciliation in this; and the connexion of the name of Helen on the one side with the name of Tyndaris, and on the other with the original 'palinode,' would easily suggest to ingenious Scholiasts the desired link.

With respect to the second view the case is not so clear. If the 'criminosi iambi' here recanted are to be looked for among Horace's extant poems, they can hardly be other than his attacks on Canidia in Epodes 5 and 17. To our ideas it is a slight recantation for such a libel, so much so that it might seem to force us to give both to the Epodes and to Sat. 1. 8 less reality than we should naturally give. There is no bitterness in this Ode, nothing which would justify us in holding (for this is one suggestion) that it is a continuation of the libel, the 'tu pudica, tu proba' which he offered to sing 'mendaci lyra,' 'tuning his harp to falsehood,' in Epod. 17. 39; but yet the tone of the palinode is barely serious. There is a mock heroic air in the 'urbes altae,' 'Thyestes,' 'Prometheus' (comp. Od. 2. 4, 4. 11. 25 foll., and Epod. 3). It is intended, as Newman says, to make the occasion slightly ridiculous, to represent both himself and the lady as having made too much of it.

The *παλινωδία* of Stesichorus, which added to the legend of Troy the famous variation that it was only a phantom in Helen's shape that Paris carried from Mycenae, is mentioned by Plato, Phaedr. 243 A, who quotes the first three lines:—

οὐκ ἔστ' ἔτυμος λόγος οὗτος
οὐδ' ἔβας ἐν νηυσὶν εὐσέλμοις
οὐδ' ἴκεο Πέργαμα Τρίας.

Acron's statement, 'Stesichorum imitatur,' can barely mean more than that Horace took from him the idea of a 'palinode.' Ritter suggests that the first line may be an echo of some line in which Stesichorus addressed Helen as fairer than her mother Leda.

2. *modum pones*, 'modum ponere,' 'to set bounds,' 'cupidinibus, orationi,' &c., are common expressions, cp. Od. 3. 15. 2 'nequitiae fige modum.' There is a play in its extension here to mean simply 'to put an end to,' i.e. 'destroy.' The verses have been intemperate, the lady shall put bounds to them in the only possible way. Compare Ovid's trope, 'Emendaturis ignibus,' Trist. 4. 10. 62.

3. *pones*, the permissive future, 'you shall if you wish,' see on Od. 1. 6. 1.

4. *Hadriano*, see on Od. 1. 1. 14.

5-7. 'Ira furor brevis est.' 'No divine afflatus makes those it possesses so reckless as the passion of anger.'

5. *Dindymene*, 'Dea Dindymi,' Cat. 62. 91, Dindymus was a mountain in Phrygia where Cybele was worshipped.

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non adytis . . . incola Pythius. It seems best to take this as a slight inversion, after Horace's manner, for 'adytis Pythiis incola,' 'not in his shrine at Pytho the god who dwells there'; comp. Epod. 10. 12 'Graia victorum manus' for the more usual 'Graiorum.' For the mode of describing the god, comp. Virg. Aen. 3. 111 'mater cultrix Cybelae.' Possibly 'incola' may have a stronger force, and represent Pindar's οὐκ ἀπόδαμος τυχῶν (Pyth. 4. 7), 'when his presence is there'; with reference to the migrations of gods from one shrine to another.

adytis is opposed to the more widely diffused afflatus, ἐνθουσιασμός, of Cybele or Bacchus.

7-9. **non aequae . . . non sic . . . ut.** It has not generally been noticed that there are two points of comparison between anger and the possession of some god; (1) that they both make men lose their balance of mind, (2) that they find expression in senseless noise. This last comes home especially to the present case: Horace suggests that his lampoon was only an instance of 'sound and fury signifying nothing,' like the tinkling cymbals of the frantic Corybantes. Grammatically, 'ut' answers both to 'non aequae' and to 'non sic.' In each case, if the sentence were completed as in prose, something should be added to give a predicate to 'tristes irae' which would suit it more exactly than 'geminant aera' or even than 'quatiunt mentis sacerdotum.' Bentley proposed to read *ex conj.* 'si' for 'sic,' constructing as Od. 2. 17. 13 'Me nec Chimaerae spiritus igneae, Nec si resurgat centimanus Gyas, Divellet umquam,' and his reading is followed by Dill^{r.}, Keller, Kiessling, but if the explanation given above is right the alteration will damage the sense.

9. **tristes**, 'ill-omened,' 'odious.'

irae, 'bursts of passion.'

Noricus, Epod. 17. 71. Noricum, the modern Tyrol, Styria, Carinthia, was famous for its iron, Plin. N. H. 34. 41.

10. **deterret**, frightens from their purpose.

naufragum, actively, as Virg. Aen. 3. 553 'navifragum Scylaceum.'

12. **Iuppiter ipse ruens**, cp. Od. 3. 3. 7 'Si fractus illabatur orbis Impavidum ferient ruinae.' The expression here contains a remembrance of Ζεὺς καταβάτης, though the thought is not so much (as it is in the Greek) of the thunderbolt, as of the vault of heaven cracking, 'ruit arduus aether,' Virg. G. 1. 324, of the lightning, thunder, and rain; for 'Iuppiter' of the sky, cp. Od. 1. 1. 25.

13 foll. The legend of Prometheus does not appear in this form in extant Greek literature, see on Od. 1. 7. 21 and Epod. 13 Introd. He is the creator of man in the myth of Plato's Protagoras.

13-16. The simplest construction is to take 'addere' after 'coactus,' 'apposuisse' after 'fertur,' giving to 'et' the sense of 'etiam,' 'also,' 'among the rest.' It has been proposed also to supply 'esse' with 'coactus,' 'fertur coactus esse . . . et apposuisse'; cp. Tac. Ann. 1. 65 'visus est . . . obsecutus . . . et repulisse.'

13. **fertur** is a usual word in introducing a legend or story which

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goes beyond the reach of human testimony. See Gossrau on Virg. Aen. 1. 15, 7. 735, &c. Cp. Od. 1. 7. 23, 3. 5. 41, 3. 20. 13.

14. **undique**, from every animal; A. P. 3 'Undique collatis membris.' The Schol. Cruq. adds (possibly from an older commentator, and so conceivably from some fuller version of the legend), 'Sic timorem deprompsit a lepore, a vulpe astutiam.'

16. **vim**, to be taken closely with 'insani,' which defines its meaning, 'the force of the lion's fury.'

stomacho, the seat of anger, see on Od. 1. 6. 6.

17. **Thyesten**. Thyestes stands as the representative of the crimes of passionate revenge in Greek Tragedy. Cp. Od. 1. 6. 8 'Saevam Pelopis domum.'

18. **ultima**, the furthest off, the first link of the chain. Ritter quotes Virg. Aen. 7. 49 'tu sanguinis ultimus auctor.'

19. **stetere**. By the variation from the usual 'exstitere,' Horace clearly wishes to feel again something of a living metaphor in the verb, though it is not quite evident what the metaphor is. Cp. Virg. Aen. 7. 553 'stant belli causae.' There it seems to be 'they are on foot, in full life and strength, there is no need to use any more efforts to arouse them.' Here perhaps the verb cannot be altogether separated from 'ultima.' The succession stopped in them.

20. **imprimeret muris aratrum**, to plough the site of a conquered city was a token (or a metaphor) of its total destruction: Prop. 4. 9. 41 'Moenia cum Graio Neptunia pressit aratro Victor Palladiae ligneus artis equus.' Cp. Aesch. Ag. 526.

22. **me quoque**, as well as the rest of the world, as it may you. Take care you are not as bad as I was in your revengefulness.

23. **temptavit**, of a disease; Epp. 1. 6. 28 'Si latus aut renes morbo temptantur'; Virg. G. 3. 441 'Turpis ovis temptat scabies.'

dulci iuventa, 'so sweet,' says Dillr., 'that one can think of nothing else, its pleasures make one careless'; cp. Od. 1. 37. 11 'dulci fortuna ebria.' Orelli thinks it is only the fondness with which a man, as he grows old, looks back on his youth, and pleads for it even while he recounts its errors.

24. **celeris**, 'hasty,' 'impetuous'; cp. Epp. 1. 18. 89 'oderunt . . . sedatum celeres'; but there is some force in giving the epithet to the 'iambi,' rather than to himself. He would suggest that his Pegasus ran away with him.

26. **tristia**, perhaps with reference to v. 9. Here, as contrasted with 'mitibus,' it carries more distinctly a metaphor of taste, as Virg. G. 2. 126 'tristes suci'; G. 1. 75 'triste lupinum.'

ODE XVII

AN invitation to Tyndaris to visit the poet at his Sabine farm, 'a very haunt of Faunus, a heaven-blest spot, where she will find all country pleasures, and be able to sing her favourite songs and

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sip Lesbian in the shade without the brawls of a city merrymaking or the tipsy violence of Cyrus' love and jealousy.'

1. **Lucretilem.** This name probably covers the whole mass of mountain between the Licenza valley and the Campagna—the highest point of which is now called Monte Gennaro. See map at the beginning of vol. 2 and note on the site of Horace's villa, pp. 289 f.

2. **mutat.** It is more usual to put the thing *taken* in exchange in the abl., as in the last Ode, v. 26 'mutare tristia mitibus'; but Horace often inverts them as here and in Od. 3. 1. 47 'Cur valle permutem Sabina Divitias operosiores'; cp. Od. 2. 12. 21, Epod. 9. 27, Sat. 2. 7. 109. The abl. in either case is analogous to the abl. of price, the transaction being regarded from the side, in the first case, of the seller, in the second of the buyer.

Lycaeο Faunus. Horace identifies (see on Od. 2. 17. 28) the Latin Faunus, the legendary son of Picus, and giver of oracles (Virg. Aen. 7. 48, 81), the god of agriculture and cattle (Hor. Od. 3. 18), with the Arcadian Pan, Ὀρειβάτης, the inventor of the pipe (see v. 10). Cp. Ovid, Fast. 2. 267 foll., and esp. v. 424 'Faunus in Arcadia templa Lycaeus habet.' 'Lycaeus' is a mountain in Arcadia.

3. **defendit,** Virg. E. 7. 47 'Solstitium pecori defendite.'

4. **usque.** The 'frequent' visits of Faunus have conferred 'perpetual' salubrity on Lucretilis.

5. **tutum,** pred., 'without risk, for it is safe in his guardianship.' Stress is laid on the quiet and security of the place; there are no vipers nor wolves for the goats, no tipsy Cyrus for Tyndaris.

arbutos, the bushes, not the berries, for it was the leaves that the kids liked, Virg. G. 3. 300 'frondentia capris Arbuta sufficere.'

6. **latentis . . . deviae.** The two adj. are correlative, and so really belong each to both clauses. The arbutus may be hidden in a thicket of other shrubs, the thyme may grow only in nooks, but the goats may stray safely to search for both.

7. **uxores,** Virg. E. 7. 7 'Vir gregis ipse caper'; G. 3. 125 'pecori maritum.'

8. **viridis,** possibly with the idea that the colour indicated their poisonous character. But any epithet makes a danger more terrible which helps our imagination to realize any of its circumstances more vividly.

9. **Martialis,** an habitual epithet, as Virg. Aen. 9. 566 'Martius lupus'; but doubtless some correspondence is intended between the qualities of the wolves and the fierce god to whom they belong, see on 1. 22. 13.

Haediliae. The oldest MSS. vary only between 'haediliae' and 'haedilia.' Acron read the latter, and interprets it 'Septa hedorum.' But Bentley shows conclusively that even if the Romans had used 'haedilia' rather than 'caprilia' (Varr. R. R. 2. 3. 8, as they use 'ovile,' not 'agnile'), it would be the plural of 'haedile' with the *i* long and the *a* short. Bentley himself defends the suggestion of 'haeduleae,' 'kids' (Auratus had conj. 'haedulei,'

following the analogy of 'equuleus,' 'equula,' 'hinnuleus'). We have to weigh the probability of such an ἀπαξ λεγόμενον against the probability of the name of some wood or hill near the farm being otherwise unknown to us.

10. **utcumque**, temporal, as always in Hor. Od. 1. 35. 23, 2. 17. 11, 3. 4. 29, 4. 4. 35, Epod. 17. 52; here, as in Od. 4. 4. 35, it means 'so soon as.'

fistula, the pipe of Faunus. 'Pan primus calamos cera coniungere plures Instituit,' Virg. E. 2. 32.

11. **cubantis**, the meaning of the epithet cannot be certainly known till we are sure what 'Ustica' was, which it qualifies. Is it 'low-lying,' of a valley, or some spot in a valley; Theoc. 13. 40 ἡμένω ἐν χῶρῳ? or 'sloping,' of a hill-side, Virgil's 'colles supini,' G. 2. 276; Lucretius' 'cubantia tecta,' 4. 528?

13. **di me tuentur**. He sums up the previous stanzas. The thought was apparently at first only the beauty of Lucretilis which draws Faunus even from Arcadia; but it has passed into the wider idea that the Farm and its owner are under the special protection of heaven.

14. **hic**. The great majority of MSS. have 'hinc,' and we must add Acr. and Porph., who interpret 'scilicet de Sabino fundo.' But 'hic' and 'hinc' (hñ) are often confused, as in Od. 1. 21. 13, where B has 'hinc' against the clear sense. And the balance of the three promises, country pleasures, music, and good wine without quarrelling, perhaps justifies the almost unanimous preference given by the editors to 'hic.'

14-16. The construction is 'copia, ruris honorum opulenta, benigno cornu manabit tibi ad plenum.' 'Plenty, rich in all the pride of the country, shall stream from her bounteous horn into thy lap till it is full.'

15. **ad plenum**, adverbially, as in Virg. G. 2. 244 'Huc ager ille malus dulcesque a fontibus undae Ad plenum calcentur.'

16. **honorum** = 'omnium quibus honestatur rus,' Orelli; i.e. flowers, fruits, &c. S. 2. 5. 12 'dulcia poma Et quoscumque feret cultus tibi fundus honores.' So leaves are 'silvae honor,' Epod. 11. 6, Virg. G. 2. 404.

cornu, the horn of plenty. Ovid gives two forms of legend. In Fast. 5. 115 it is the broken horn of a goat which Amalthaea filled with fruit for the infant Jupiter. In Met. 9. 85 foll. it is the horn which Hercules broke from the forehead of Achelous, and which the Naiads filled for Plenty, 'pomis et odoro flore.'

17. **reducta valle**, as in Epod. 2. 13 and Virg. Aen. 6. 703 'deep drawn,' running into the hills. It suggests the ideas both of quiet and of shade.

18. **fide Teia**, in songs such as Anacreon might have written and sung.

19. **dices**, see on 1. 12. 13.

laborantis in uno, wearying themselves for love of the same man, viz. Ulysses.

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20. **vitream**, as a sea-nymph (cp. 'vitreo ponto,' Od. 4. 2. 3), daughter of the Oceanid Perse, Hom. Od. 10. 139; so Thetis is called '[Achillis] mater caerulea,' Epod. 13. 16. Statius has imitated it, Silv. 1. 3. 85 'vitreae iuga perfida Circes,' and 1. 5. 15 'Ite deae virides, liquidosque advertite vultus, Et vitreum Veneris crinem redimite corymbis.'

21. **innocentis**, that will not lead to brawls.

22. **duces**, 'drink,' as Od. 3. 3. 34 and 4. 12. 14.

Semeleius Thyoneus. Semele and Thyone were both names of Bacchus' mother. So he plays on Bacchus' own name, Lyaeus, Od. 3. 21. 16, Epod. 9. 38: 'the son of Semele who is also Thyone,' the latter name being connected with *θύειν*, to rage furiously. Cp. *Θυιάς*, a raving Bacchante.

23. **confundet**, an extension of the usual phrase, 'miscere proelia'; the drunken brawl is represented as a 'blind and aimless quarrel' between Mars and Bacchus.

24 foll. You will be out of the way of the petulance with which Cyrus vents his jealous suspicions.

25. **male dispari**, 'a poor little match for him'; 'male' increasing the unfavourable force of the adj. as in Sat. 1. 3. 45, 1. 4. 66.

26. **incontinentis**, 'violent,' 'tipsy,' the epithet belonging more properly to the person than to his hands. See on Od. 1. 15. 20.

ODE XVIII

'THE purpose of the Ode may be summed up,' says Dillenburger, 'in the lines of Theognis (509, ed. Bergk):—

*οἶνος πινόμενος πούλιν κακόν· ἦν δέ τις αὐτὸν
πίνῃ ἐπιστομένως, οὐ κακόν, ἀλλ' ἀγαθόν.*

'Plant the vine, Varus, especially where it grows so well as at Tibur, and drink of its fruit; but it is possible to drink too much.'

Varus is called by the Scholiasts 'Quintilius Varus,' and generally identified with the Quintilius the friend of Virgil, who died in B.C. 24, and whose death is lamented in Od. 1. 24.

The form at least of the poem was suggested by an Ode of Alcaeus, of which we have the first line, Athen. 10. 8:—

μηδὲν ἄλλο φυτεύσης πρότερον δένδρεον ἀμπέλω.

Metre—*Second Asclepiad*.

1. **sacra**, 'god-given,' belonging to Bacchus. Horace begins by granting to the full the virtues of wine.

severis, for the mood, see on Od. 1. 11. 1; 'sero' is Virgil's word for planting trees, G. 2. 275, &c.

2. **mite**, a soft and kindly soil, opp. to Virgil's 'difficile,' G. 2. 279; 'amarum,' ib. 238.

moenia Catili, a further description of 'Tiburis solum'; for Catilus see on Od. 1. 7. 13, and cp. Virg. Aen. 7. 672. Horace seems to stand alone in shortening the penult. of the usual 'Catillus.' Compare his use of 'Porsena,' Epod. 16. 4.

3. **siccis**, the opp. of 'uvidis,' Od. 4. 5. 39 'dicimus integro Sicci mane die, dicimus uvidi, Cum sol Oceano subest'; cp. Epp. 1. 19. 9. **dura**, tertiary pred. 'All that heaven ever sets before them, every task and fortune, is hard.'

deus, as in Od. 1. 3. 21; not Bacchus, but the Power which rules our life.

4. **aliter**, 'in any other way than this,' the true way is implied by 'siccis' in the opposed clause.

5. **crepat**, like the Gr. *παταγεῖν, κροτεῖν*, of rattling or tiresome talk, S. 2. 3. 32 'si quid Stertinius veri crepat'; Epp. 1. 7. 84 'sulcos et vineta crepat mera'; A. P. 247 'immunda crepent ignominiosaque dicta.' So that it can only be used with the next verse by a zeugma.

6. **decens**, Od. 1. 4. 6.

7. **ac ne**, the reading of the great majority of the MSS.; and Bentley shows that it, and not 'at ne,' is the common formula of transition even when, as here and in Epp. 2. 1. 2c8, we seem to require an adversative.

modici, 'that loves moderation,' 'verecundum Bacchum,' Od. 1. 27. 3. It would properly be the epithet of the draught, *ὅς δ' ἂν ὑπερβάλλῃ πόσιος μέτρον*, Theogn. 47, or of the proportions of the mixture, see on Od. 1. 20. 1.

transiliat, see on 1. 3. 24, 'lightly to overpass the bounty of Liber,' *δῶρα Διονύσου*, is not to be content with what the god allows us, but to take more 'invito deo,' v. 12.

8. **Centaurea**. For this story, see Ov. Met. 12. 219 foll., and cp. Hom. Od. 21. 295 *οἶνος καὶ Κένταυρον, ἀγακλυτὸν Εὐρυτίωνα, | ἄας* ... *ἐς Λαπίθας ἐλθόνθ'*: Virg. G. 2. 455 foll. 'Bacchus et ad culpam causas dedit: ille furentis Centauros leto domuit,' &c.

super mero. 'Super' possibly of place, 'over the wine.' It has also been taken (so perhaps the Schol. who interprets 'propter vinum') as = 'de.' Cp. 'super urbe curas' Od. 3. 8. 17. If so, Horace is forgetting the legend in which wine was not the cause of the quarrel.

9. **debellata**, see on Od. 1. 3. 13.

Sithoniis, properly the inhabitants of the middle finger of the three which run out into the Aegean from Chalcidice. For Thracian intemperance, cp. Od. 1. 27. 1, 1. 36. 13, 2. 7. 26.

9, 10. 'There is warning in the heavy hand of Evius on the Sithonians, when in their greedy haste they divide right and wrong by the slender line of their own appetite,' i.e. when the only distinction they place between right and wrong is that they desire the thing or not.

11. **candide**, 'ever fair and ever young'; of the bright beauty of divine youth; Epod. 3. 9 'candidum ducem,' of Jason.

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Bassareu, a name of Dionysus from *βασσάρα*, a Thracian word for a foxskin worn by the Bacchantes. Horace puts 'I and those who agree with me will be moderate in the use of wine,' into language taken from the Bacchic mysteries. 'I will not lay an irreverent or untimely hand on thy rites.'

12. quatiam, properly applied to the thyrsus, and perhaps to the solemn lifting of the sacred 'cista,' which contained the emblems of the god, 'commotis excita sacris Thyias,' Virg. Aen.

4. 301.

variis, Theoc. 26. 3 gives a list of the leaves gathered by the Bacchantes, *λασίας δρυὸς ἄγρια φύλλα | κίσσον τε ζῶοντα καὶ ἀσφόδελον τὸν ὑπὲρ γᾶς*.

obsita, Catull. 64. 259 'obscura cavis . . . orgia cistis'; Tib. 1.

7. 48 'occultis conscia cista sacris.'

13. sub divum, into the light.

tene, 'silence,' addressed still to Bacchus. 'Do not excite us too much.'

Berecynthio, Od. 3. 19. 18 'Cur Berecynthiae cessant flamina tibiae?' the horn used in Cybele's worship on Mount Berecynthus in Phrygia. It was also an accompaniment of the Bacchic orgies. Catull. l. c. 'Plangebant alii proceris tympana palmis, Multis raucisonos efflabant cornua bombos.'

14. caecus, a physical characteristic of the personified self-love, as Conington points out in a note on his translation.

15. plus nimio, Od. 1. 33. 1, Epp. 1. 10. 30. The order in prose is 'nimio plus,' Cic. ad Att. 10. 8. It has been explained: (1) as a translation of *ὑπεράγαν*, following the analogy of 'plus iusto,' &c., 'more than that which is too much'; (2) as following the analogy of 'plus paulo' ('a little too much') Ter. Heaut. 2. 1. 8; 'nimio validius,' Plin. 24. 12; 'nimio melius,' Plaut. Pers. 1. 3. 31, 'by very much too much'; 'nimio' being the ablative or adverb of measure. It is a colloquial phrase common in Plautus, M. G. 2. 6. 106, Bacch. 1. 2. 42, and the combination in Bacch. 4. 4. 21 'nimio minus, multo parum,' seems to show that the second explanation was the true one; see a collection of instances of 'nimio' with compar. adj. in Ramsay's *Mostellaria*, Excursus 12. It qualifies 'tollens,' 'lifting far too high'; with this picture cp. Od. 3. 16. 17 'Iure perhorruī Late conspicuum tollere verticem.'

Gloria, 'vainglory,' as in Epp. 1. 18. 22 'Gloria quem supra vires et vestit et ungit.'

16. arcani Fides prodiga, an oxymoron, 'Faith, that blabs out her secret'; cp. Od. 3. 24. 59 'periura fides.'

perlucidior vitro, 'with a window in its mind,' Con. Compare the Greek proverbs, *κάτοπτρον εἶδος χαλκός ἐστ'* οἶνος δὲ νοῦ and τὸ ἐν καρδίᾳ τοῦ νήφοντος ἐπὶ τῇ γλώσσῃ τοῦ μεθύοντος, Hor. Epod. 11. 14, S. 1. 4. 89.

ODE XIX

'I THOUGHT my days of passion were over, but love and wine and idleness and Glycera's beauty are too much for me. Again I feel the full power of Venus—again must leave all other subjects to write love songs—again think only of propitiating Venus and moderating the pains of my passion.'

See Introd. to Ode 4. 1, which Horace links to this Ode by repeating the first line.

Metre—*Third Asclepiad*.

1. **saeva**, 'imperious.' 'Saeva Proserpina,' Od. 1. 28. 20; 'saeva Necessitas,' 1. 35. 17.

2. **Semelae**. Horace more usually prefers a Greek form in the Odes: but cp. Helenae, Od. 1. 3. 2, Epod. 17. 42 with Helenen, 1. 15. 2, Helene, 4. 9. 16. Hirschfelder points out that there is no certain instance in Horace of the gen. in *es*.

3. **Licentia**, 'freedom of life,' as Catullus, 51. 13, traces his passion to 'otium,' 'Otium, Catulle, tibi molestum est,' &c.

5. **nitor**, Od. 3. 12. 5 'Liparaei nitor Hebri,' 'bright beauty.'

8. **lubricus**, a face to look on which is to slip from your resolve. The metaphorical use of 'lubricus' in the sense of 'hazardous' is common in Cicero. For the infin. see App. 2. § 2.

10. The Scythians, with the Parthians and the Spaniards, represent to Horace the foreign politics of the time, the glory that Augustus' arms were always about to win or had won, cp. Od. 2. 11. 1, 3. 8. 16, &c., and Introd. to Odes i-iii. §§ 7, 8.

11. **versis equis**, Od. 2. 13. 18 'sagittas et celerem fugam Parthi'; Virg. G. 3. 31 'Fidentemque fuga Parthum versisque sagittis.'

12. **nec quae nihil attinent**, 'nor aught that is irrelevant,' sc. to her, and to love, to my proper themes: that he does not add such a qualification may be possibly meant to show that he is already absorbed in the thoughts of love; he is no longer speaking of them from outside.

13. **vivum caespitem**, a fresh cut turf for a temporary altar. Od. 3. 8. 2 'acerra turis Plena . . . positusque carbo in Caespite vivo.'

14. **verbenas**, Od. 4. 11. 6 'ara castis vincta verbenis'; Virg. Aen. 12. 120 'verbena tempora vincti'; Virg. E. 8. 65 'verbenas adole pingues et mascula tura.' Explained (by Servius on Virg. Aen. 1. c., Donatus on Ter. Andr. 4. 3. 11, and Acron on this place) as the name of all green things, boughs or leaves of myrtle, bay, olive, &c., or even grass gathered 'ex puro loco' and used in a religious rite. The quotations given show that they were used for several purposes in a sacrifice.

15. **bimi**. New wine was used in sacrifices, cp. Od. 1. 31. 2, 3. 23. 3; 'bimi' will therefore probably mean 'last year's wine,' which would be used till the wine of the year was ready.

neri, wine with any admixture of water was unfit for religious uses.

16. **veniet lenior**, opposed to 'in me tota ruens,' v. 9. The overpowering and painful 'afflatus' of a god was a sign of disfavour rather than of favour, and would be mitigated by submission and reverence. See Od. 2. 19.

ODE XX

AN invitation to Maecenas to visit Horace at his Sabine farm, where he will have not indeed the Caecuban or Falernian which he drinks at home, but Sabine wine; if cheap, yet carefully bottled by Horace himself, and carrying in its date a pleasant reminiscence of Maecenas' life, viz. of the rounds of applause with which he was received on first entering the theatre after an illness.

On the date of this Ode, see Introd. to Odes i-iii. § 8.

Compare the tone of the Ode with Epp. 1. 5.

1. **modicis**. As the wine will be cheap, so the cups will be modest; whether in make and material, or in size, is doubtful. Small cups would mean that it was not a drinking bout. Cp. Sat. 2. 6. 70 '[poculis] modicis uvescit laetius,' and 2. 8. 35 where the hard drinker 'calices poscit maiores.' There is the same doubt in Epp. 1. 5. 2 'modica patella.'

2. **cantharis**. A handled cup, old-fashioned, and traditionally associated with Bacchus, cp. Virg. E. 6. 17 'gravis attrita pendebat cantharus ansa,' where it belongs to Silenus: Plin. N. H. 35. 53 'C. Marius post victoriam Cimbricam cantharis potasse Liberi patris exemplo traditur.' Horace names it among his table furniture, rough, but scrupulously clean, in the parallel Epp. 1. 5. 23 'et cantharus et lanx Ostendat tibi,' &c. This shows that it was of metal.

Graeca . . . ipse, both touches point to the care bestowed on the process of racking it off from the 'dolium.' Horace did it with his own hands, and used a 'testa' or 'amphora,' which still kept some of the fragrance of the Chian or Lesbian which it had held; for 'Quo semel est imbuta recens servabit odorem Testa diu,' Epp. 1. 2. 70.

3. **conditum levi**, 'I stored and sealed.' The cork was secured by a coating of pitch, Od. 3. 8. 9 'Hic dies . . . Corticem adstrictum pice dimovebit Amphorae.' So to open an amphora is 'relinere,' see on v. 10.

in theatro, Od. 2. 17. 25 'cum populus frequens Laetum theatris ter crepuit sonum.'

5. **eques**, see on Od. 3. 16. 20, and 1. 1. 1.

paterni, because Maecenas is 'Tyrrhena regum progenies,' and

the river is the 'Tusculus alveus,' Od. 3. 7. 28; 'Lydius Tiberis,' Virg. Aen. 2. 781. So that in the whole verse there is implied reference to both topics of compliment, Maecenas' high birth and his modest state. 'Maecenas, eques Etrusco de sanguine regum, Intra fortunam qui cupis esse tuam,' Prop. 3. 9. 1.

6. *iocosa imago*, see on Od. 1. 12. 3.

7. *Vaticani*. The theatre of Pompey, which was the only one finished at this time, stood at the south end of the Campus Martius, near the present church of S. Andrea della Valle, so looking across the Tiber on the Janiculan and Vatican hills. Juvenal (6. 344) lengthens the second syllable in Vaticanus, and he is followed by Martial.

9. *Caecubum*. The 'Caecubus ager' was a marshy tract on the coast of Latium between Terracina and Formiae. The wines chosen to represent the finer Italian growths are two pairs of neighbouring vintages, one pair in Latium, the Caecuban and Formian (Od. 3. 16. 34); the other in Campania, the Falernian and the wine of Cales (Od. 1. 31. 9, 4. 12. 14).

10. *tu bibes*. It is easier to see the difficulty of this reading than to convince oneself of the admissibility of any of the proposed remedies. If it stands, it must mean, 'I must leave *you* to drink, sc. at home,' the future, as in Od. 1. 6. 1. There is undoubtedly great awkwardness in the difference of sense which we are thus obliged to put on the future here and in v. 1, 'potabis.' Munro (Journal of Philology, 1871, p. 350) proposed from the reading 'bides' (λ), to restore 'vides' in the sense of 'you provide.' Cp. Cic. ad Att. 5. 1. 3 'ut prandium nobis videret,' and Ter. Heaut. 3. 1. 49 'Quid vini absumsit! Sic hoc, dicens, asperum, Pater, hoc est: aliud lenius sodes vide: Relevi dolia omnia, omnis serias,' a passage which he thinks may have unconsciously suggested to Horace the 'levi' of v. 3 as well as the 'vides' of this verse. Keller has at different times suggested three modes of treatment. In the Rhein. Mus. vol. xviii. p. 274 he supported 'Tu bibis,' the quantity as in 'scribis,' Sat. 2. 3. 1. In his own edition of 1864 he gave 'Tum bibes,' which is found in the best MSS. of the scholia on Sat. 2. 2. 48 where the verse is quoted. He explained it (Rhein. Mus. vol. xix. p. 212) to mean 'Then, after the Sabine, you shall have some Caecuban; I cannot give you Falernian.' But the sense is dull, and it is hardly possible to doubt the antithesis 'Tu . . . mea.' In the Epilegomena (1879) he suggested 'Tu bibas' on the analogy of 'Premat Calena falce . . . me pascunt olivæ,' thinking the subjunctive had been misunderstood and assimilated by copyists to the fut. of 'tu potabis.' If any treatment is needed, this is the simplest. In his last edition Keller has returned to 'tu bibes.'

11. *temperant*. Properly the man who mixes the wine and water is said 'temperare pocula.' The vines and hills are here said to do so because they produce the grapes which are used for the purpose.

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ODE XXI

COMPARE Catull. 34 'Dianae sumus in fide,' &c.

Several occasions have been imagined for this Ode. The Pseudo-Acr. associated it with the Ludi Saeculares, B.C. 17, and it was accordingly treated by several editors as an introduction to the Carm. Saec.

Franke assigns it to B.C. 28, the year in which Augustus dedicated the temple to Apollo on the Palatine (Od. 1. 31), and instituted the quinquennial Ludi Actiaci in honour of Apollo and Diana. He thinks the ode was written for their first celebration.

It is more probably an exercise of fancy, suggested perhaps by some such occasion as the games of B.C. 28. It is hardly of weight enough to have been composed for public performance, and Horace was not prominent enough at that date to have been selected, as he was in B.C. 17, to write such an Ode.

Metre—*Fifth Asclepiad.*

1. **Dianam.** The first syllable is long, as once in Virg. Aen. 1. 499.

2. **intonsum,** Epod. 15. 9, Hom. Il. 20. 39 Φοῖβος ἀκερσεκόμης. It is the sign of youth. The maidens are to sing Diana, the maid τὰν αἰὲν ἀδμήταν, Soph. El. 1239; the boys, Apollo the ever young. Notice Horace's way of distributing the epithets, 'tenerae' with 'virgines,' 'intonsum' with 'Cynthiaum,' both implying that the choir is as the god it addresses.

Cynthiaum, from Mt. Cynthus in Delos.

3. **Latonam,** as the mother of the two deities. Cp. Hymn. in Apoll. 14 χεῖρε μάκαιρ' ὧ Δητοῖ ἐπεὶ τέκες ἄγλαα τέκνα. It is probably meant that both choruses should join in her praise; cp. Od. 3. 28. 9-16. He returns to the maidens in v. 5 'vos.'

5. **laetam fluviis,** as in Catull. 34. 5 'Montium domina ut fores Silvarumque virentium Saltuumque reconditorum Amniumque sonantium'; Pind. P. 2. 7 ποταμίας Ἀρτέμιδος.

coma. Some of the best MSS. give 'comam,' which Acron seems to have read and tried, against the sense, to take with 'laetam fluviis.' Bentley defends it as setting off the woods of Algidus, &c. against Tempe and Delos, and 'laetam fluviis' against the 'insignem pharetra umerum' of the next stanza. But Horace would hardly have tolerated the ambiguity of 'laetam,' not agreeing with 'comam,' yet without a visible substantive of its own. And though it is a natural hyperbole to speak of Diana's joy in 'every leaf of the woods,' it would be forced to bid the maidens sing of each leaf.

6. **Algidus,** sacred to Diana; C. S. 69 'Quaeque Aventinum tenet Algidumque.' 'Mons Algidus' was the name of part of the eastern side of the Alban hills. Its name is supposed to be still

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recognized in the Cava dell' Aglio, the gorge by which the Via Latina issues from them on the south-east. Its woods are celebrated in Od. 3. 23. 10, 4. 4. 57.

7. **Erymanthi**, a mountain on the north frontier of Arcadia.

8. **Cragi**, in Lycia, for Artemis as well as Apollo *Λύκι' ὄρεα δῖοςσει*, Soph. O. T. 208. 'Nigris' is the epithet of 'silvis' only so long as it belongs to 'Erymanthi'; in the second clause the epithet 'viridis' supplies its place, though grammatically attached to 'Cragi,' see on Od. 2. 5. 13, 3. 23. 15. For the verbal antithesis 'nigris,' 'viridis,' cp. Od. 1. 36. 15 'Neu vivax apium, neu breve lilium,' 2. 20. 3, and 11 'asperae . . . leves'; 3. 27. 18, 19 'ater . . . albus.' Horace is specially fond of contrasts of colour, see on Od. 2. 3. 9, and cp. 1. 25. 17, 18 'hedera virente . . . pulla myrto.' The woods would be black from pines, holm oaks, &c., Od. 4. 4. 57; 4. 12. 11 'nigri colles Arcadiae.'

9. **Tempe**, where Apollo, according to the legend, purified himself after the slaughter of Python.

10. **natalem Delon**, Od. 3. 4. 63 'natalem silvam,' Virg. Aen. 4. 144 'Delon maternam.'

12. **fraterna**, for Hermes invented the 'lyra,' though he gave it to Apollo, Hom. Hymn. *εἰς Ἑρμῆν*, 490–502; see on Od. 3. 4. 4.

13. **lacrimosum**, *πολύδακρυν, δακρυνόεντα*; 'lacrymabile bellum,' Virg. Aen. 7. 604, war and its pains. He does not pray for peace, but only that the horrors of war may be felt in Parthian or British, not in Roman, homes. Cp. Od. 3. 27. 21 'Hostium uxores,' &c.; Virg. G. 3. 513 'Di meliora piis erroremque hostibus illum.'

14. **principe**, see on Od. 1. 2. 50.

ODE XXII

'DI me tuentur: dis pietas mea
et musa cordi est.' Od. 1. 17. 13.

The protection from common dangers accorded to the poet's flocks is extended to himself. As a child, 'non sine Dis animosus,' he is covered by the wood-pigeons from the snakes and bears of Mount Vultur (Od. 3. 4). Mercury snatches him from the folly and danger of civil war into which his boyish enthusiasm had carried him (Od. 2. 7). Faunus (Od. 2. 17) wards off from him the falling tree. Now a wolf flies from him as he wanders unarmed in the woods near his Sabine farm.

We may compare the Ode with the Epistle (1. 10) addressed to the same Fuscus, the motto of which may be said to be 'Fuge magna,' v. 32. 'A harmless, pious life is the true secret of safety and of happiness'—the Ode dresses this doctrine in the garb of poetry and religion—the Epistle in that of philosophy and worldly wisdom. Aristius Fuscus is an intimate friend of Horace, Epp. 1.

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- 10. 3-5 'cetera paene gemelli Fraternis animis—quidquid negat alter et alter—Adnuimus pariter vetuli notique columbi.' He appears in S. 1. 10. 83 amongst the critics by whose judgement Horace will abide, in S. 1. 9 as the friend who wickedly escapes, leaving the poet 'sub cultro.' He is called by Acr. on Epp. 1. 10 'scriptor tragoediarum,' by Porph. 'comoediarum,' by both, on S. 1. 9, 'grammaticorum doctissimus,' but nothing is known of him from other sources.

1. **integer vitae.** S. 2. 3. 220 'integer animi.'

sceleris purus, Od. 3. 17. 16 'operum solutis.' Two uses of the Greek genitive, for each of which the Latin idiom would have the ablative. Cp. S. 2. 3. 213 'purum est vitio tibi . . . cor,' Madv. § 290 g, § 268 b, obs. 2.

5. **aestuosas.** As far as concerns Horace's use of words there is equally good authority for taking this of the hot sandy coast that borders the Syrtes, as 'aestuosae rura Calabriae,' Od. 1. 31. 5; or of the boiling surf of the bay, 'Barbaras Syrtis ubi Maura semper Aestuat unda,' Od. 2. 6. 3. Perhaps the similarity of that place makes for the latter interpretation, as in that case both passages will combine the same two dangers. You have to choose between a furious sea, if you don't land, and savage inhabitants if you do. The proverbial danger of the Syrtes consisted partly in the number of sunken rocks in the bay, partly in deep quicksands which lined the shore.

6. **inhospitalem Caucasum,** Epod. 1. 10; Aesch. P. V. 20, of the same mountains, τῶδ' ἀπανθρώπων πάγῳ.

7. **fabulosus,** with its storied dangers, the stories that would be told of India as of any unknown southern country, of its jungles, its strange beasts. The Hydaspes is a river of the Punjab, the modern Jelum, Virg. G. 4. 211.

8. **lambit,** used of the gentle wash of water, as of fire, S. 1. 5. 73, Virg. Aen. 2. 683, &c.

9. **namque.** The whole force of the Ode is thrown on Horace's miraculous escape, which is the sufficient justification both of the general statement in the two preceding stanzas of the safety of innocence; and of the particular statement in the two that follow of the poet's own indifference to outward circumstances, see *Introd.* to 1. 34.

10. **ultra terminum,** beyond the bounds of his own farm. A few acres of the forest belonged to him, Od. 3. 16. 29, S. 2. 6. 3.

11. **expeditis,** as Catull. 31. 7 'O quid solutis est beatius curis?' a variation of the more usual 'expedire, solvere animum curis.' It is the reading of the best MSS., and Porph. explains it, 'curis expeditis pro ipse curis expeditus.' Bentley defends the less-supported reading 'expeditus.' Dill. points out that the ὁμοιοτέλετον, -is -is, is in Sapphic verses rather an argument for the reading. There are six other instances in the Ode, vv. 3, 9, 14, 17, 18, 22.

13. **portentum**, i. e. the wolf, *τέρας, πέλωρον*; not that to see a wolf there was such a wonder, but he means to express the shock which the sight gave him, and half playfully turns the wolf into a monster.

militaris, 'the land of soldiers,' is chiefly a complimentary epithet to the poet's birth-place, cp. 3. 5. 9 'sub rege Medo Marsus et Apulus'; 2. 1. 34 'Daunia caedes.' All other Roman excellences are in the same way attributed to the Apulians, industry and hardness to the men, housewifely virtues to the women, Od. 3. 16. 26, Epod. 2. 42. A comparison, however, of 1. 17. 9 (see note there) suggests that there is some connexion of thought between the size of the wolves and the soldierly character of the inhabitants.

14. **Daunias**, Apulia; so called, according to Festus, from Daunus, an Illyrian prince who settled in it and became the son-in-law of Diomedes, see on Od. 3. 30. 11. 'Daunias,' is a Greek form, not found elsewhere in Horace, but not uncommon in Ovid; cp. 'Ambracias terra,' Her. 13. 164, &c., though more usually with Greek names and in an adjective. For Apulian wolves, cp. Od. 1. 33. 7.

15. **Iubae tellus**. Augustus restored to the younger Juba, in B. C. 30, the kingdom of Numidia, which had been forfeited by his father, the elder Juba, who fought at Thapsus on the side of Scipio and Cato, and slew himself after their defeat. In B. C. 25 Juba surrendered Numidia, which became a Roman province, and received instead of it Mauretania with some tribes of the Gaetuli to the south of it. As 'Gaetulus' is a common epithet of lions (see on the next Ode, v. 10), it has been supposed that this is a passing allusion to this exchange, and that 'Juba's new territory' gives a date to the Ode.

17-24. 'Place me in the frigid zone or in the torrid (cp. Od. 3. 3. 55 'Qua parte debacchentur ignes, Qua nebulae pluviiue rores') I care not, I shall still be safe, still light-hearted.'

17. **pigris**, *ἀργοῖς*, of the dull deadness of winter; 'brumal iners,' Od. 4. 7. 12; Lucret. 5. 745 'Bruma nives affert pigrumque rigorem.'

nulla arbor recreatur, i. e. there is no tree to be woke to life again by the breezes of summer, the 'genitabilis aura Favorsi.'

19. **malus Iuppiter**, see on Od. 1. 1. 25.

22. **domibus negata**, unfit for human habitation, opp. to the temperate zones, which are 'mortalibus aegris Munere concessae divum,' Virg. G. 1. 237.

23. **dulce ridentem**, from Sappho's *ἀδὸν φωνείσας . . . καὶ γελείσας ἰμερόεν*. Catullus, in his imitation of that Ode (51. 5), has 'dulce ridentem.' For the construction compare 2. 12. 14 'lucidum fulgentis'; 2. 19. 6 'turbidum laetatur'; 3. 27. 67 'perfidum ridens,' &c. 'Lalagen' takes us back to the wolf and v. 10: 'I shall be the same Horace still, free from care and thinking of Lalage, and safe in being the same.' Horace doubtless felt the play on the name of 'prattling' Lalage (*λαλεῖν*); cp. Od. 1. 33. 2 'immitis Glycerae.'

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The choice of the name may be due to the remembrance of Sappho's verse, or the reminiscence of Sappho to the name.

ODE XXIII

'You fly from me, Chloe, like a frightened kid to its dam. I am not a tiger or lion going to eat you. You are too old for such shyness.'

We have possibly part of a Greek original to this Ode in a fragment of Anacreon (Fr. 52 Bergk):—

ἀγανῶς οἶά τε νεβρὸν νεοθηλέα
γαλαθηνόν, ὅστ' ἐν ὕλης κεροέσσης
ἀπολειφθεῖς ὑπὸ μητρὸς ἐπτοήθη.

Chloe's name seems to be chosen to suit the character, see *Introd.* to 1. 8 and *App.* 1.

Metre—*Fifth Asclepiad.*

4 *aurarum et siluae*, cp. Virg. *Aen.* 2. 728 'Nunc omnes terrent aurae, sonus excitat omnis.' 'Siluae' is a trisyll. as in *Epod.* 13. 2.

5. *veris . . . adventus*, &c., 'if through the light-hung leaves hath run the shiver of spring's approach,' i.e. of the 'animae veris comites,' *Od.* 4. 12. 1; *Lucret.* 5. 735 'It ver et Venus et Veneris praenuntius ante Pinnatus graditur Zephyrus.' Bentley, perhaps pressing 'adventus' too closely, objects that when spring is still approaching there are no leaves nor lizards nor fawns, and is displeased at the boldness of attributing the shiver to the approach of spring rather than to the leaves, see 4. 4. 7. Muretus had written ('ex codd.' but no extant MS. is known to have it) 'Vitis inhorruit ad ventum,' which Bentley accepted, altering 'vitis' to 'vepris,' a conjecture which had occurred independently to Salmasius. This is approved, though not printed, by Munro and Keller, and adopted by Haupt, Kiessling, &c. The Schol. read it as we do.

7. *lacertae*, Virg. *E.* 2. 9 'Nunc viridis etiam occultant spineta lacertos.'

8. *tremit*, sc. 'hinnuleus.'

9. *atqui*, 'and yet,' *Od.* 3. 5. 49, *Epod.* 5. 67.

aspera, 'angry,' as 'asperas serpentis,' *Od.* 1. 37. 26; 'asperum tactu leonem,' 3. 2. 10; 'asper siti anguis,' Virg. *G.* 3. 434.

10. *Gaetulus leo*, *Od.* 3. 20. 2, Virg. *Aen.* 5. 351, see on v. 15 of the last Ode.

frangere, of crushing between the teeth; Virg. *G.* 2. 72 'glan-demque sues fregere sub ulmis'; Hom. *Il.* 11. 113 ὥς δὲ λέων ἐλ' ἀφοιο ταχείης νήπια τέκνα | ῥῆϊδίως συνέαξε, λαβὼν κρατεροῖσιν ὀδοῦσιν. For the infin. see *App.* 2, § 1.

12. *tempestita viro*, as Virgil expresses it, *Aen.* 7. 53 'Iam matura viro, plenis iam nubilis annis.'

ODE XXIV

OF the person whose death is the subject of this Ode we know nothing but what is contained in the statement of the Chronicon of Eusebius (A. D. 264–340), which, opposite the year A. V. C. 730, B. C. 24, has (in the Latin version of Jerome) ‘Quintilius Cremonensis Vergilii et Horatii familiaris moritur.’ We may notice that the mention of Cremona makes him a neighbour of Virgil. The Scholiasts on Horace call him Quintilius Varus, and add that he was a Roman knight, identifying him with the Quintilius of A. P. 438, see on v. 8, and with Varus of Od. I. 18.

The Ode is not merely, as Porph. describes it, ‘*θρῆνος* in Quintilium sodalem Vergilii.’ Acr. characterizes it more justly, ‘*Consolatur Vergilium impatienter amici sui mortem lugentem.*’ Horace’s feeling is for Virgil as much as for their common friend. From this point of view we must be struck by the delicacy of the ‘consolation.’ He justifies Virgil’s grief, he shares it. ‘He too will join in the dirge; Quintilius is gone, the peerless, the soul of modesty, honour, justice, and truth! All good men weep; and who has greater right to weep than Virgil, whose piety and trustfulness the gods have so hardly rewarded?’ Only at last, when he has opened his friend’s heart by his expression of sympathy, does he venture on a hint, not perhaps of comfort, but of self-restraint. ‘After all, no laments, though sweeter than Orpheus, no prayers will reach the dead. It is a cruel fate; patience only will lighten what may not be cured.’

It would seem, if Donatus be giving a genuine trait of Virgil in his Life, c. 18, that Horace is recalling his friend to his own philosophy for consolation: ‘*Solitus erat dicere nullam virtutem commodiorem homini esse patientia, ac nullam adeo asperam esse fortunam quam prudenter patiando vir fortis non vincat.*’

Metre—*Fourth Asclepiad.*

2. *praecipe*, ‘teach me.’ The Muse herself is to sing, cp. Od. I. 12. 1. Horace will only hear her voice and repeat the strain after her.

3. *Melpomene*, see on Od. I. 1. 33, and cp. 3. 30. 16, 4. 3. 1.

5. *ergo*, S. 2. 5. 101 ‘*Ergo nunc Dama sodalis Nusquam est?*’ cp. Virg. E. I. 47 ‘*Fortunate senex, ergo tua rura manebunt.*’ So Ovid begins Trist. 3. 2. 1 ‘*Ergo erat in fatis Scythiam quoque visere nostris.*’ Like the Gr. *ἄρα*, it indicates a conclusion forced on the speaker to his surprise.

perpetuus, broken by no waking, *ἀτέρμονα νήγρετον ὕπνον*, Mosch. 3. 110. Catull. 5. 5 ‘*Soles occidere et redire possunt: Nobis cum semel occidit brevis lux Nox est perpetua una dormienda.*’

6. *urget*, ‘lies heavy on’; Od. 4. 9. 27 ‘*Urgentur . . . longa*

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nocte'; Virg. Aen. 10. 745 'Olli dura quies oculos et ferreus urget Somnus.'

Pudor, αἰδώς. According to the definition in A. Gell. 19. 6 'timor iustae reprehensionis,' the sensitiveness to the judgement of others, which makes a man modest, harmless, temperate.

7. **Fides**, defined by Cic. Off. 1. 7. 23 'dictorum conventorumque constantia et veritas,' and called there 'iustitiae fundamentum.' In calling Good Faith or Honour the sister of Justice, Horace implies that the two go together, and therefore that both were present in Quintilius.

nuda Veritas, as Acr. explains, 'quae nihil occulti habeat ut egeat tegumento.' Ritter compares the picture of Quintilius, the candid critic of A. P. 438 foll.; see Introduction to this Ode.

8. **inveniet**, for the sing. verb after several subjects, see Od.

I. 3. 3.

11. **frustra pius**. Virgil, the gentle and reverent poet, has committed his friend to the safe keeping of the gods, little dreaming how they would discharge the trust; now he asks back his 'depositum' (cp. Od. 1. 3. 5-8) only to find how fruitless his piety has been. Another interpretation is that of Lambinus, 'Thou askest Quintilius of the gods, and findest, despite thy piety, that he was not lent to thee on such terms,' i. e. that you should never part. The first is probably right as assigning the same agent to 'creditum' and 'poscis,' and as giving a more definite sense and connexion with the context to 'frustra pius.' With the thought of these words we may perhaps compare, as a characteristic difference between the two poets, Virgil's notice of the same moral difficulty, Aen. 2. 426-430, and his more reverent and religious comment, 'Dis aliter visum.'

ita = 'hac condicione,' on such terms as this.

13-15. **quid si . . . num**. The words 'frustra pius' have struck the note which is the key to this stanza. 'In vain—did I say?—while he was alive. What if you had the persuasive lyre of Orpheus, could it restore to us the dead?' For the construction, a hypothetical question preceded by the interrogative or exclamatory 'quid,' cp. S. 2. 3. 159, Epp. 1. 19. 12, Virg. Aen. 4. 311. There is a reading of less authority, 'Quod si.'

15. **vanae imagini**. Cp. Virg. Aen. 6. 292 'tenuis sine corpore vitas . . . volitare cava sub imagine formae.' The unsubstantial forms, νεκρῶν εἰδῶλα, in Hom. Od. 11, have to drink a draught of blood before they can recover life enough to talk with Ulysses.

17. **lenis recludere**, App. 2. § 2.

precibus, the dat. = 'in answer to.'

fata recludere, to open the door of fate. 'Panditur ad nullas ianua nigra preces,' Prop. 4. 11. 2.

18. **nigro compulerit gregi**, has gathered to the black fold. For the case, cp. Od. 1. 28. 10 'Panthoiden iterum Orco demissum.' Madv. § 251. For the image, Od. 2. 3. 25 'omnes eodem cogimur.'

19. **patientia**, see Introduction to the Ode.

ODE XXVI

'THE Muses' friend, I can cast sorrow and fears to the winds. The politics of Scythia and Parthia that trouble all the world are nothing to me. Help me, sweet Muse, to weave a chaplet of freshest lyric verse for my dear friend Lamia.'

It is difficult to see the point of connexion between the first and last parts of the Ode, unless, indeed, as has been suggested, Horace is holding up his own cheerfulness and its source to Lamia's imitation, see *Introd.* to *Od.* 3. 17. If *Epp.* 1. 14. 6 refer to the same person as the two Odes, the trait there given, '*rapto de fratre dolentis Insolabiliter,*' may confirm the idea that he was a person on whom sorrow sat heavily.

Aelius Lamia, the school friend of Numida (*Od.* 1. 36. 7) and the '*vetusto nobilis ab Lamo*' of 3. 17. 1, is generally identified with L. Aelius Lamia who was Praefectus urbi in A.D. 32, and died A.D. 33: *Tac. Ann.* 6. 27 '*genus illi decorum, vivida senectus.*' If this Ode therefore is to be dated before B.C. 23, he must have been quite a young man when it was written. Ritter, feeling this to be a difficulty, suggests that the Lamia of the Odes is an elder brother of Lucius. The name of a Q. Aelius Lamia, '*triumvir monetalis,*' has been found on a coin of this date. He thinks that it is his death that Lucius is represented as lamenting in *Epp.* 1. 14. 6.

On the date of the Ode and the allusion of vv. 3-5 see *Introd.* to Odes i-iii, § 8.

With vv. 1-6 cp. *Virg. G.* 2. 490-497. The friendship of the Muses gives to Horace the freedom which Virgil attributes to philosophy and a country life.

1. **Musis amicus**, gives the reason for his being able to throw care to the winds; for the expression, cp. '*amicum Crethea Musis,*' *Virg. Aen.* 9. 774.

metus. Cp. *Virg. G.* 2. 491 '*Atque metus omnes et inexorabile fatum Subiecit pedibus.*'

2. **protervis**, the winds 'at play,' as '*ludibrium ventis,*' 1. 14. 16. **Cretecum**, see on *Od.* 1. 1. 14. It is a proverbially stormy sea. *Soph. Tr.* 117 *βιότου πολύπονον ὥσπερ πέλαγος Κρήσιον.*

3. **portare**, for infinitive, see *App.* 2, § 1.

quis, probably the nom. 'who is the dreaded king.' In former editions I inclined to take it as the dat. 'to whom the king, &c. is an object of fear.' Horace is wishing us to feel how distant and uninteresting, in comparison with poetry, are the political questions in which every one but he is absorbed. This he expresses in two ways in the two clauses; in the first, by *not naming* this formidable king, only the character of his country, at the world's end, 'a frozen coast at the north pole'; in the second, by naming the Parthian

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pretender, as though his name were enough, 'who would care what a Tiridates is frightened at?' The references seem to be the same as in Virg. Georg. 2. 496 'infidos agitans discordia fratres, Aut coniurato descendens Dacus ab Istro'; cp. also Hor. Od. 3. 8. 18 'occidit Daci Cotisonis agmen, Medus infestis tibi luctuosis dissidit armis.' The 'rex' then of v. 4 is Cotiso, king of the Dacians, north of the Danube, who had at some time made himself formidable by descents across the river. For Tiridates, see Introd. to Odes i-iii, § 8.

5. **unice**, though every one else is full of these questions.

6. **fontibus integris**, &c. A second reminiscence (see Od. 1. 7. 7) of Lucr. 1. 926 'iuvat integrós accedere fontis Atque haurire; iuvatque novos decerpere flores,' &c. Observe how Horace combines the two claims for his poetry, 'integris,' 'novis fidibus,' and yet 'Lesbio plectro'; cp. Epp. 1. 19. 21 'Liberā per vacuum posui vestigia princeps, Non aliena meo pressi pede . . . Parios ego primus iambos Ostendi Latio'; see on Od. 1. 1. 29. He only claims originality in imitation.

9. **Piplea**, properly the name of a fountain in Pieria (cp. 'Pierides Musae'), near Mount Olympus. Horace uses it as an adj., of the Muse who haunts the spot.

mei honores, 'honours that I can give'; cp. Pind. Nem. 9. 21 ἐπασκήσω κλυταῖς ἥρωα τιμαῖς.

11. **sacrare**, to canonize, to give the immortality which so many stout hearts have lacked for want of a 'vates sacer,' Od. 4. 9. 25.

ODE XXVII

IN Od. 1. 18 the poet had recommended moderation in the use of wine on moral and religious grounds. Here his object is the same though the tone is lighter. The Ode is a dramatic sketch of a banquet which is degenerating into a drunken brawl. Horace interrupts it by an appeal, playful in its mixture of the Bacchic hierophant with the genial poet of good living. The company would reply to their monitor by filling his glass. 'On one condition only,' he says, and diverts them at once from his own lecture and their rising quarrel to an absorbing interest in the love affairs of Megilla's brother, his bashfulness, his imagined confidences, his mysteriously hopeless fate.

Athen. x. p. 427 A preserves part of a poem of Anacreon, which may have inspired the beginning of this Ode:—

ἄγε δηῦτε (al. δεῦτε) μηκέθ' οὔτω
 πατάγω τε κάλαθητῶ
 Σκυθικὴν πόσιν παρ' οἴνω
 μελετῶμεν ἀλλὰ καλοῖς
 ὑποπίνοντες ἐν ὕμνοις.

1. **natis**. Horace is fond of the trope, 'nata mecum testa,' Od. 3. 21. 1; 'versus male nati,' Epp. 2. 1. 233.

scyphis pugnare; cp. Juv. 5. 26 'Iurgia proludunt: sed mox et pocula torques Saucius, et rubra deterges vulnera mappa; Inter vos quotiens libertorumque cohortem Pugna Saguntina fervet commissa lagoena.'

2. **Thracum**; see on Od. 1. 18. 9.

3. **verecundum**, 'modici Liberi,' Od. 1. 18. 7. He is represented as shocked at the misuse of his own gifts. From another point of view Horace calls him 'inverecundus deus,' the god who removes the restraints of bashfulness, Epod. 11. 13. The construction, 'Bacchum prohibete rixis' (cp. Epp. 1. 1. 31 'nodosa corpus prohibere cheragra') is found in prose, as Cic. de Leg. Man. 7. 18 'magnum civium numerum calamitate prohibere.'

5. **vino et lucernis**, the lamps are signs of festivity, as they imply a banquet prolonged into the night; cp. 'vigiles lucernas perfer in lucem,' Od. 3. 8. 14: 'vivae lucernae,' 3. 21. 23. So probably to exalt the hospitality of Dido's welcome, and not only for the picture, Virg. Aen. 1. 726 'Dependent lychni laquearibus aureis Incensi et noctem flammis funalia vincunt.'

Medus acinaces. Plat. Rep. 8. p. 553 *Ὁ μέγαν βασιλέα . . . τιάρας τε καὶ στρεπτοὺς καὶ ἀκινάκας παραζωννύντα*, 'It is only barbarians that sit down with a dirk to drink wine, and so we must leave it to them to quarrel.'

6. **immane quantum**, ἀμήχανον ὅσον, θιυμαστὸν ὅσον. Tac. Hist. 4. 34 'Civilis, lapsu equi prostratus . . . immane quantum suis pavoris et hostibus alacritatis indidit.' Cicero has 'nimium quantum,' Orat. 25. 87. Grammatically, it is a full parenthetical clause, after the model of 'nescio quis,' standing instead of the expected adverb of quantity, so that it is unnecessary to read 'discrepet.'

impium, because they offend Bacchus.

8. **cubito presso**, with the left arm deep in the cushions of the sofa.

9. **severi**, 'rough,' 'strong tasted,' seems synonymous with the 'forte Falernum' of S. 2. 4. 24. Pliny (N. H. 14. 8. 6) distinguishes three sorts of Falernian, 'austerum' (Horace's 'severum'), 'dulce,' 'tenue'; cp. Catull. 27. 1 'Minister vetuli puer Falerni Inger mi calices amariores.'

11. **Megillae**, a Greek name. Megillus is an interlocutor in Plat. Legg. She comes from Opus Locrorum. The challenge to give a name as a toast is common: Theoc. 14. 18 ἤδη δὲ προϊόντες ἔδοξ' ἐπιχεῖσθαι ἄκρατον, | ὧτινος ἦθελ' ἕκαστος, ἔδει μόνον ὧτινος εἰπεῖν; Mart. 1. 72. 1 'Naevia sex cyathis, septem Iustina bibatur.'

beatus . . . pereat, 'dies a happy death.' For the oxymoron, cp. Od. 1. 33. 14 'grata detinuit compede,' and Tib. 2. 5. 109 'iaceo cum saucius annum Et faveo morbo, tam iuvat ipse dolor.'

13. **cessat voluntas**, 'Falters thy will?' Do you hesitate to tell us?

14. **quae cumque Venus**, Od. 1. 33. 13 'melior Venus'; cp. v. 16 'ingenuo amore,' i.e. love for a freeborn girl. 'Venus' is

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still more definitely for 'the beloved' in Virg. E. 3. 68 'Parta meae Veneri sunt munera.'

15. 'The passion with which she fires thee need raise no blushes.'

16. **que**. Dillenburger draws attention to Horace's use of 'que' in such a case, where the first clause having a negative form an adversative conjunction would be more usual; cp. 2. 12. 9, 2. 20. 4, 3. 30. 6, and see on Epod. 15. 14.

semper, 'always,' and so I am sure now.

17. Whisper to me, if you will not tell it to all the company.

19. **laborabas**. There seems to be no doubt that this is the true reading. 'Laboras' is found in a few good MSS. and supported by Porph., but the hiatus is filled in no MS. of any authority. The imperfect represents the Greek ἄρ' ἐπόνεις, 'you are labouring *all the time*.' It is of a new discovery, and refers to the time before the discovery was made; see on Od. 1. 37. 4.

Charybdi. Compare the lines of Anaxilas, the comic poet, quoted by Athen. 13. p. 558 Ἡ δὲ Φρύνη τὴν Χάρυβδιν οὐχὶ πόρρω πον ποιεῖ; | τὸν τε ναύκληραν λαβοῦσα καταπέπωκ' αὐτῷ σκάφει. Cicero says of Antony 'Quae Charybdis tam vorax,' Phil. 2. 27. 67.

21, 22. **saga . . . magus . . . deus**, a climax.

21. **Thessalis**, Epod. 5. 21, 45.

22. **venenis**, a translation of φαρμάκοις, of magic potions.

23. **triformi**. Hom. Il. 6. 181 πρόσθε λέων, ὅπιθεν δὲ δράκων, μέσση δὲ χίμαιρα. Bellerophon, according to the post-Homeric legend, killed the monster with arrows from the back of the winged horse Pegasus. The ablative 'Chimaera' is governed, ἀπὸ κοινοῦ, by 'illigatum' and 'expediet,' see on Od. 1. 3. 6.

ODE XXVIII

'**DEATH** is common to all. That thought should make us quick to recognize the duties imposed on us by our common humanity.' Though the Ode is not free from difficulties, this seems to be its general purport.

There are two parts in it. In the *first* some one is addressing the philosopher Archytas, whose tomb (if we read the Ode right) is in sight.

'To such a small compass is shrunk the far-reaching mind of the philosopher. It is the doom even of those who seem most nearly to escape the common lot of man. It is the end even of your own master, the great Pythagoras, teach as he may the transmigration of souls. The ways of death are many, but the fact of death is one and the same to all.'

In the *second* part an unburied corpse lying on the seashore appeals to a passer-by for the boon of the triple casting of earth upon it, which was necessary in order that the shade might cross the Styx and find rest in Hades. The urgency of the appeal

implies that the person addressed is inclined to hurry on and neglect it.

The Ode is taken by many editors to be a dialogue, the simplest view in this case being to suppose that the 'nauta' of v. 23 speaks the first twenty lines and is interrupted at v. 21 by the appeal of a dead body for his good offices. Others, perhaps better, take it as a monologue, put into the mouth of the corpse on the shore, which first (1-20) by the address to Archytas, near whose tomb it is lying, assures itself that it has only shared the common lot, and then by that consideration appeals to the passing sailor to give it burial.

It is one of the few Odes in which the loss of a clue which Horace's contemporaries probably possessed either in the knowledge of the locality, or of some incident, or of some Greek poem (it is like some of the Greek Epigrams rather than a lyric), throws some real uncertainty over the idea of the poem. Archytas was a Pythagorean philosopher who lived at Tarentum in the fourth century B.C. Nothing is known of the place of his death and burial. The Ode seems to imply that he had a tomb on the sea-coast which Horace calls (v. 3) 'litus Matinum.' The locality of this is uncertain. Some have placed it near Tarentum on the ground that Archytas belonged to that place, and that the dead man appeals to 'Neptune the guardian of Tarentum.' The Ode might then be due to some incident or association which Horace came upon in one of his visits to Tarentum (Od. 2. 6. 9 foll.). But the arguments are stronger for placing it in the neighbourhood of the Prom. Garganum in Apulia, near Horace's own country. The name occurs only in Horace (here and in Od. 4. 2. 27 'Ego apud Matinae more modoque,' and Epod. 16. 28 'quando Padus Matina laverit cacumina') and in Lucan Phars. 9. 185 where the 'buxeta Matini' are, ranked with 'Garganus' and Mount Vultur, as belonging to Apulia. A village at the base of the promontory of Garganus is now called 'Mattinata.' It is also noticed that the 'woods of Venusia' (v. 26) are near enough to stand for 'the inland woods,' if the scene is laid near the mouth of the Aufidus, but would not occur naturally if the speaker was at Tarentum.

We may notice that Horace seems to have been interested in the Pythagorean doctrines, and especially in that of Metempsychosis, and yet not disinclined to speak playfully of them, Epod. 15. 21, S. 2. 6. 62, Epp. 2. 1. 52. He ranks Pythagoras with Socrates and Plato as representing the great teachers of Greek philosophy, S. 2. 4. 3.

Metre—*Alcmanium*.

1-3. The point of the lines is 'One who seemed in powers so unlimited, who measured all space and counted all number, has now in his turn such narrow limits set to him.' Archytas, like most of the Pythagorean philosophers, was a distinguished mathematician. Horace takes the two sides of mathematics, geometry

(‘terrae mensorem’) and arithmetic. Nothing was beyond his power in either. His geometry was sufficient to measure the dimensions of the whole world, his arithmetic to count the sand on the shore. In respect of the phrase ‘numero carentis harenae mensorem,’ we notice (1) that the form of it involves an apparent contradiction, ‘able to number what has no number’; (2) that to ‘count the sand’ was a proverbial phrase for effort wasted on an impossibility; cp. Virg. Georg. 2. 103, Pind. Ol. 13. 66. There is therefore some irony in the description, ‘you performed the impossible’; (3) that Horace has probably in mind the actual work of a kindred genius, Archimedes of Syracuse, who wrote a treatise, still extant, called *Ψαμμίτης*, ‘Harenarius,’ in which he does not indeed propose to count the existing sand, but, by way of illustrating the possibility of expressing vast numbers, he attempts roughly to compute the number of grains of sand which would be required to fill the sphere, as he estimates it, which is contained between the fixed stars; see Dict. Biog. s. v. Archimedes.

5. *temptasse*, as if there were some audacity in lifting even the mind to the heavenly bodies; ‘animo’ of course in sense qualifies it as well as ‘percurrisse.’

6. *percurrisse*, from Lucr. 1. 73 ‘Omne immensum peragravit mente animoque.’

morituro, the case ruled by ‘tibi’ (Madv. § 393 c), the time fixed by ‘temptasse’ and ‘percurrisse.’ ‘What profits it you now to have scaled the homes of the sky, and in spirit to have ranged from star to star through the round heaven, you that had still to die!’ Cp. 2. 3. 4, where ‘moriture’ occupies the same emphatic position.

7 foll. The instances are of those who seemed at one time to have escaped the universal law: Tantalus, when he feasted with the gods; Tithonus, when he was beloved by Aurora, and snatched by her into the sky (Eur. Tro. 855 *ὃν ἀστέρων τέθριππος ἔλαβε χρύσεος ὄχος ἀναρπάσας*); Minos, when Jove himself counselled him in the art of lawgiving (cp. Hom. Od. 19. 179 *Διὸς μεγάλου ὀαριστής*); Pythagoras, when he proved that he had outlived one death. The form of argument is that of Hom. Il. 18. 117, so often imitated, *οὐδὲ γὰρ οὐδὲ βίη Ἡρακλῆος φύγε κῆρα | ὅσπερ φίλτατος ἔσκε Διὶ Κρονίωνι ἀνακτι | . . . ὥς καὶ ἐγών, κτλ.* Horace uses the myths of Tantalus and Tithonus (‘longa Tithonum minuit senectus,’ Od. 2. 16. 30) for other purposes elsewhere; here we are not to think of the punishment of the one or the old age of the other, only of the fact that, though privileged above humanity, they died at last like others.

10. ‘And the son of Panthus is in Tartarus now since he descended a second time to the lower world, for all that before (for he took down his shield and proved his knowledge of the days of Troy) he had yielded to black death no spoils beyond mere sinews and skin.’ Pythagoras was said to have supported his doctrine of *μετεμψύχωσις* by asserting that his own soul had

animated the body of Euphorbus (Πάνθου νῖον εὐμμελίην, whom Menelaus slew, Hom. Il. 17. 69), a fact which he proved by recognizing Euphorbus' shield hung with others in a temple at Argos.

Tartara, not of the place of punishment, but of the lower world generally, as in Virg. G. 1. 36, where the Elysian plains seem to be included in it. No distinction is intended between 'Tartara' and 'Orco.' 'Orco demittere' is a Virgilian phrase representing Homer's Ἄϊδι προΐαπτειν. For the dat. see on Od. 1. 24. 18.

14. **iudice te**. As addressed to Archytas this is simple, and the case of Pythagoras is a natural climax.

auctor, 'master,' 'teacher,' Cic. ad Att. 7. 3 'auctor Latinitatis'; Virg. Aen. 11. 339 'consiliis habitus non futilis auctor.'

15. **sed**, advers. to the last clause. He may have been a great philosopher, *but* he was a man, and death knows no exceptions.

16. **via leti**, the same image, Od. 2. 17. 11 'supremum carpere iter.'

17. **spectacula**. The metaphor is from gladiatorial shows; wars are the 'ludi' in which Mars delights, Od. 1. 2. 37. The Furies are represented as stirring up war in Virg. Aen. 7. 324 foll., 12. 845 foll.

18. **avidum**, early editions read 'avidis'; but even if we want a hit at the trader's eagerness for gain, 'avidis' is neither so delicate nor so forcible as 'avidum,' which means 'greedy as they'; cp. Od. 2. 18. 30 'rapacis Orci,' where the epithet is clearly meant to compare the greediness of death for his prey with the greediness of the rich landlord who is laying field to field.

20. **saeva**, Od. 1. 19. 1, perhaps with a reminiscence of the Homeric epithet, [ἐπ]αινὴ Περσεφόνηια.

caput fugit. None could die (acc. to Virg. Aen. 4. 698) till Proserpine had cut a lock of hair from his head; the idea being that the dying man was a victim offered to the powers below ('victima Orci,' Od. 2. 3. 24), as it was usual to begin a sacrifice by cutting some hairs from the forehead of the victim and burning them, Virg. Aen. 6. 245. Cp. Eur. Alc. 74, where Θάνατος says, στείχω δ' ἐπ' αὐτήν, ὥς κατάρξωμαι ξίφει | ἱερὸς γὰρ οὗτος τῶν κατὰ χθονὸς θεῶν | ὅτου τόδ' ἔγχος κρατὸς ἀγνίστη τρίχα.

fugit. The perf. tense, as Od. 2. 13. 20 'leti vis rapuit rapietque gentis.'

21. **me quoque**. 'I have only shared the lot of all humanity.' If the unburied corpse speaks throughout (see Introd.) we notice how the transition is prepared from his address to Archytas to his appeal to the sailor. 'Death claims all; the sea has its tribute from the sailors who traverse it. I was not exempt from the law. Do not you, a sailor like them and like me, forget your common mortality.'

deveni Orionis. Orion's setting is a time proverbial for bad weather, Od. 3. 27. 18, Epod. 15. 7, Virg. Aen. 7. 719.

comes, Od. 4. 12. 1.

22. **Illyricis**, for the Adriatic generally, as Virg. Aen. 1. 243.

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23. **vagae** adds a touch, 'surely the sand that drives hither and thither before the wind won't cost you much.' It is time, however, rather than sand, that he doubts his sparing; 'parce dare' as 'parce cavere,' Od. 3. 8. 26.

ne parce malignus, 'grudge not churlishly'; he puts it as though avarice could be the only reason for his refusing. Notice that the 'nauta' is supposed to be a 'mercator' (Od. 1. 1. 16) sailing in pursuit of gain; his time is money.

24. For the hiatus, cp. Epod. 13. 4 'Threicio Aquilone'; Virgil's 'Actaeo Aracyntho,' Ecl. 2. 24 &c.

25. **sic**, i.e. if you do as I ask; see on Od. 1. 3. 1.

quodcumque minabitur, for the personification, cp. Virg. G. 1. 462 'quid cogitet Auster.'

Eurus fluctibus Hesperiiis. Horace had often heard the east wind roaring up the valleys near Venusia as though it were on an errand of vengeance across the Apennines. The form of expression is dictated by the love of verbal antithesis rather than by a definite conception of the trader's actual route and its risks, and by the general notion of the wind sweeping, or threatening to sweep, from one end of heaven to the other. As he is already east of Italy, he would more probably be sailing to the east than, like the 'mercator' of 1. 31. 14, to the Spanish ports outside the Straits.

27. **plectantur**, in its usual sense not only of being lashed, but of bearing the punishment; 'may all his vengeance be wreaked on them.'

multa merces, 'a rich reward,' i.e. for your humanity.

28. **unde potest**, I cannot reward you, but there is that which will, the favour of Jove, who (as originally in his function of *ξένιος*) presides especially over the reciprocal duties of men to one another, and of Neptune the tutelary god of Tarentum, who will remember kindness shown to a citizen of his own. For 'unde' of a person, see on Od. 1. 12. 17.

30, 31. 'Art thou careless of committing a crime that shall bring punishment presently on thine innocent children? May-be even in thine own person the debt of justice and a return of contumely may be in store for thee.'

31. **te natis**, to be taken together, 'te' being the ablative, as in 'nate Dea,' 'Apolline natus,' &c.: the opposition is to 'te ipsum.' 'Te' has also been taken (as by Nauck) as the subj. of 'committere.' 'Is it nothing to thee that thou art committing,' &c. 'Neglegis committere' and 'neglegis te committere' are both possible constructions.

33. **non linquar**, i.e. 'a te.' If thou leavest me my prayers for vengeance will not be unheard.

36. **ter**, the sacred and complete number; cp. Soph. of Antigone pouring the dust on Polynices' body, *χοαῖσι τρισπόνδοισι τὸν νέκυν στέφει*, Ant. 431.

ODE XXIX

‘WHAT, Iccius hankering after the treasures of Arabia, and planning eastern conquests? Have you chosen already your share of the spoil? Who will say again that aught in nature is impossible, when Iccius the scholar sells his library to buy armour and belies the promise of his life?’

Iccius is unknown to us except from this Ode and Epp. 1. 12. He is there described as a man of philosophical tastes and of rigidly temperate life. This Ode is playful. Iccius has conceived (or talked of) a purpose of joining in the expedition led by Aelius Gallus (as it turned out, unsuccessfully) into Arabia Felix in B.C. 25, 24. Horace rallies him on the idea as unsuited to his habits. The expedition itself is spoken of in terms which are hardly serious, as if it aimed at the conquest of the whole East (‘horribili Medo,’ ‘sagittas Sericas’), and Iccius’ own part in it in terms which must be banter. It is he who plans the war, who carries chains for his captives; he is to have the pick of the spoil, a princess, a court page as a cup-bearer, &c.

The same expedition is spoken of as projected in Od. 1. 35.

1. *beatis*, properly the epithet of the rich man, not of his riches; but it contains a reference to the name of Arabia Felix.

nunc. Dill^r. points out the emphasis laid on this word. ‘What, *now*, after a lifetime spent in such different pursuits!’

Arabum gazis, Od. 2. 12. 24 ‘*plenas Arabum domos*’; 3. 24. 1 ‘*Intactis opulentior Thesauris Arabum*’; Epp. 1. 7. 36 ‘*divitiae Arabum*.’ On the extravagant ideas of the Romans about the wealth and treasures of Arabia, see Dict. Geog. s. v. Sabaei.

3. *Sabaeae*, the name of the most important city and tribe of S. Arabia, the *Ṣaḥā*, ‘Sheba,’ of 1 Kings 10. 1.

4. *Medo*, a hyperbole, possibly of those who vapoured about the expedition; but it is in Horace’s way, cp. Od. 1. 12. 56, 1. 35. 31.

5. *quae virginum barbarā*, for ‘*quae virgo barbarā*’ or ‘*quae virginum barbararum*.’ Horace is fond of variations of the kind; cp. Epod. 10. 13 ‘*Graia victorum manus*’; Sat. 2. 1. 61 ‘*maiorum ne quis amicus*.’ He is speaking of a princess, the ‘*bellantis tyranni adulta virgo*’ of Od. 3. 2. 7.

7. *puer ex aula*, ‘a page from the court’; Liv. 45. 6 ‘*pueri regii apud Macedonas vocabantur principum liberi ad ministerium regis electi*.’ The phrase ‘*ad cyathum stare*’ occurs in Suet. Jul. 49. Compare Virro’s cup-bearer, ‘*Flos Asiae*,’ Juv. 5. 56, and the ‘*incultus puer . . . non Phryx aut Lycius*’ of a humbler household, id. 11. 146.

9. *doctus*, &c., i.e. ‘a high-born boy,’ an archer like his fathers before him. The purpose is to exalt the value of the page, not, as some editors think, to frighten Iccius.

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sagittas tendere. Virgil has the same inversion, 'spicula tendere cornu,' Aen. 9. 606.

Sericas. This illustrates the 'Mede' or Parthian of v. 4: it is the whole East that Iccius is going to conquer; see on Od. 1. 12. 56.

10. **arduis montibus.** It may be doubted whether this is a dative case like Od. 1. 24. 18, or an abl. absol. on the analogy of 'adverso, secundo, flumine,' 'up the steep mountains' side.' Notice the antithetical position of the two adjectives 'arduis pronos.' Eur. Med. 410 ἄνω ποταμῶν ἱερῶν χωροῦσι παγαί, | καὶ δίκαια πάντα πάλιν στρέφεται.

13. **nobilis.** The MSS. are fairly divided between 'nobilis' and 'nobiles,' but it must be remembered that 'nobilis' may still be the accusative plural. The arrangement of the words is in favour of the genitive, as pairing, after Horace's way, the substantives and epithets. In support of the genitive are quoted Epp. 1. 19. 39 'nobilium scriptorum'; Cic. Phil. 5. 5 'Phaedri philosophi nobilis.' In support of the accusative, A. P. 258 'Acci nobilibus trimetris'; Mart. 7. 97. 8 'Turni . . . nobilibus libellis'; and A. Gell. 13. 27 'Panaetii tribus illis inclytis libris.'

14. **Panaeti,** the Stoic philosopher and the friend of Scipio Africanus Minor. His great work was a treatise περὶ τοῦ καθήκοντος, which was the basis of Cicero's de Officiis.

Socraticam domum, A. P. 310 'Socraticae chartae,' the writings of Plato, Xenophon, &c. 'Domus' is used for a school of philosophy by Sen. Epp. 29 'Idem hoc omnes tibi ex omni domo acclamabunt, Peripatetici, Academici, Stoici, Cynici.' Cp. Cicero's phrase, de Div. 2. 1. 3 'Peripateticorum familia,' and Horace himself, Epp. 1. 1. 13 'quo me duce, quo lare, tuter.'

15. **Hiberis.** Spanish steel was famous, Plin. N. H. 34. 41 and 43.

16. **tendis,** for 'tendere,' of purpose or effort, with infinitive, cp. Epp. 1. 7. 31, 1. 19. 16, Virg. Aen. 1. 18.

ODE XXX

'QUEEN VENUS, leave Cyprus and bring thy presence to the shrine which Glycera offers thee, and bring with thee love and grace and youth and wit.'

The Ode is a hymn of the kind which the Greeks called κλητικοί, hymns of invitation; see on Alcman, Fr. 10. ed. Bergk, Κύπρον ἱμερτὰν λιποῖσα καὶ Πάφον περιρρύταν, a line of which we may possibly hear an echo in 'Sperne dilectam Cypron.'

1. **Cnidi,** in Caria; Κνίδιοι τιμᾶσιν Ἀφροδίτην μάλιστα, Paus. 1. 1. 3.

Paphi, in Cyprus; Hom. Od. 8. 362 Ἥ δ' ἄρα Κύπρον ἴκανε

φιλομειδῆς Ἀφροδίτῃ | ἐς Πάφον, ἔνθα δέ οἱ τέμενος βωμός τε θυῆεις' Virg. Aen. 1. 415. Tacitus describes the worship of Venus at Paphos. Hist. 2. 2.

2. **sperne dilectam**, Od. 1. 19. 9 'Venus Cyprum deseruit.' So Faunus must leave Lycaeus to visit Horace's Lucretilis: and Apollo, when he would visit Delos, 'deserit hibernam Lyciam,' Virg. Aen. 4. 143.

4. **aedem**, 'temple,' not 'house,' according to the distinction laid down by Bentr. on Epp. 2. 2. 92 between 'aedes' in the sing. and in the plur. There is nothing strange in supposing either that a little shrine or 'sacrarium' is dignified with the larger title, or that the whole house is called a temple of the goddess.

5. **fervidus**, Virg. Aen. 1. 710 'Flagrantisque dei [Cupidinis] vultus.'

solutis Gratiae zonis, Od. 3. 19. 16 'Gratia nudis iuncta sororibus,' cp. 4. 7. 5. Seneca describes the representations of them, de Ben. 13 'Tres Gratiae sorores manibus implexis ridentes iuvenes et virgines solutaque et pellucida veste.' The notion seems to be the absence of restraint and of disguise—the grace of nature. They are joined with the nymphs in Od. 4. 7. 5, and in 1. 4. 6.

6. **properentque**. Dill^r. has a note (on Od. 2. 7. 25) on Horace's not uncommon practice of joining an enclitic particle to some word other than the one which it logically couples to the preceding clause. In all these cases the word to which it is joined is emphatic and is usually a common element in the two clauses, the verb or adverb which gives their meaning to both, and which is placed in this way between them in order to make us feel their unity. Cp. 'que' in Od. 2. 17. 16, 2. 19. 32, 3. 11. 13, C. S. 22, Sat. 1. 4. 115, 1. 6. 43, 44, 2. 1. 68, 2. 3. 182; 'ne' in Sat. 1. 8. 2; 've' in Od. 2. 7. 25, Epod. 2. 50, Sat. 2. 3. 139 and 180.

8. **Mercurius**, as the god of speech and wit. Compare Homer's description of Aphrodite's cestus, Il. 14. 216 ἐνι μὲν φιλότῃς, ἐν δ' ἱμερος, ἐν δ' ὀαριστὺς | πάρφασις, ἥ τ' ἔκλεψε νόον πύκνῃ περ φρονεόντων. Orelli quotes Plutarch, Coniugalia Praecepta Praef. οἱ παλαιοὶ τῇ Ἀφροδίτῃ τὸν Ἑρμῆν συγκαθίδρυσαν, ὥς τῆς περὶ τὸν γάμον ἡδονῆς μάλιστα λόγου δεομένης, τὴν τε Πειθᾷ καὶ τὰς Χάριτας.

ODE XXXI

THIS Ode professes to be written on the day (Oct. 24, B.C. 28) on which Augustus dedicated the temple of Apollo on the Palatine, to which was attached the famous Library, see Epp. 1. 3. 17, 2. 1. 217, 2. 2. 93, Suet. Oct. 29, Dion 53. 1. Propertius gives an account of the inauguration of the temple, at which he had himself been present, 3. 23 'Quaeris cur veniam tibi tardior? Aurea Phaebo Porticus a magno Caesare aperta fuit,' &c.

'What special boon shall his poet ask of Apollo to-day? Not

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wealth in corn-lands or cattle, not gold and ivory, not vineyards in Campania. He envies neither those who grow the rich wines nor the trader who at the cost of so much risk buys and drinks them. Content with humble fare, all he asks is the power to enjoy health of body and of mind too now, and an old age not wanting either in honour or in the pleasure of poetry.'

1. **dedicatum.** The Latins said '*dedicare deum*' as well as '*dedicare aedem*,' perhaps from the image of the god which was installed in his shrine. Liv. 5. 51 '*Iunonem dedicare*.'

2. **vates.** The poet has a special claim on Apollo, the inspirer of his art.

novum. Wine of the latest making was proper for sacrifice (see on 1. 19. 15). In this case there is felt to be a special appropriateness in the wine of the new vintage to the new temple.

4. **Sardiniae.** Val. Max. 7. 6. 1 calls Sardinia and Sicily '*benignissimas urbis nostrae nutrices*.'

segetes, corn-land; as often Epp. 2. 2. 161 '*Qui segetes occat tibi mox frumenta daturas*.' He is speaking of '*latifundia*' in the corn-growing provinces, see on Od. 1. 1. 9.

5. **aestuosae Calabriae**, cp. on the same topic Epod. 1. 25 f. '*Non ut iuvenis illigata pluribus Aratra nitantur mea, Pecusve Calabris ante sidus fervidum Lucana mutet pascuis*.' A second investment of Roman wealth, large cattle farms; cp. Od. 2. 16. 33 '*Te greges centum Siculaeque circum Mugiunt vaccae*,' &c.; Epp. 2. 2. 177 '*Quid vici prosunt aut horrea? quidve Calabris Saltibus adiecti Lucani?*'

grata, 'pleasant,' to own or to see.

6. A villa adorned with gold and ivory; cp. Od. 2. 18. 1 '*Non ebur neque aureum Mea renidet in domo lacunar*.'

7. **rura**, i.e. as the next stanza shows, the wine-growing lands through which the Liris (now the Garigliano) flows. On the left bank of the Liris, as it nears the sea, is the Ager Falernus, and at a short distance the Mons Massicus.

8. **mordet**, Lucret. 5. 257 '*ripas radentia flumina rodunt*.'

9. 'Let who may own rich vineyards at Cales, I grudge them not.'

premant = 'reprimant,' check the luxuriant growth; Virg. G. 1. 156 '*ruris opaci Falce premes umbram*.' The words are probably meant to imply the richness of the soil and luxuriance of the vines. Cales was a town in the north of Campania. Its wine is named in Od. 1. 20. 9, 4. 12. 14.

Calena falce (cp. 3. 6. 38) involves a slight hypallage, i.e. the adjective would more naturally go with '*vitem*.' 'At Cales' is the simple meaning. Bentley, objecting that though '*prelo Caleno*' (1. 20. 9) would be natural '*falce C.*' was less so, would read '*Calenam*' without MS. authority, and is followed by some editors. But it may be questioned whether this does not make '*falce*' an unnecessary detail. Its adjective is what gives it relevance.

10. **et.** Some good MSS. (including B) have '*ut*,' which also

stands in the lemma of Porph. If we read 'ut' there is a taunt against the wine-grower who toils that other men may drink of his wine, as well as against the trader who risks his life for his gold cups and rare wines. The irony would be not unlikely to attract an emendator, but it seems beyond the requirements of this place.

11. *exsiccet*, 'cum aliqua aviditatis significatione,' Orelli.

culullis, A. P. 434, apparently used for 'large cups.' According to the Schol. they were originally 'calices fictiles quibus pontifices virginesque Vestales in sacris utebantur.'

12. *Syra reparata merce*, obtained by bartering Syrian wares. The meaning of 'reparo' seems to be 'to obtain in exchange,' the 're' playing the part of ἀπό in ἀποδίδοσθαι ('to give for a consideration'), ἀπατεῖν, &c. Forcell. quotes for the use two fragments of Alfenus Varus and Scaevola contained in the Digest, 'alios boves his numis reparare,' 'messis reparare'; see on Od. 1. 37. 24 'latentis Classe cita reparavit oras.' Bentley, denying this use of 'reparo,' alters that passage and interprets this, 'condita vel medicata Syriaco nardo,' referring to the Roman practice of mixing spices and perfumes with certain wines. For the 'Syrian wares' cp. Od. 3. 29. 60 'Tyriae merces.' These would consist of the produce of the East, amongst them of spices and perfumed oils. 'Assyria nardo,' 2. 11. 16; 'Malobathro Syrio,' 2. 7. 8.

13. *dis carus ipsis*, 'I don't envy the trader his wealth, and yet he surely, if any one, must be a favourite (not, like the Campanian vine-grower, of Fortune, but) of the gods themselves; else he would have been drowned long ago on his long voyages.' Under the form of exalting his εὐδαιμονία Horace hints at the deductions to be made from it.

15. 'I do not ask for wealth, for I am contented with what costs little,' 'dapes inemptae,' cp. Epod. 2. 55 foll. and Horace's own supper, S. 1. 6. 115.

16. *leves*, 'light,' 'digestible'; Epod. 2. 58 'gravi malvae salubres corpori.'

17. 'Be thy boon to me, son of Latona, both in full strength to enjoy the goods the gods provide me (only, I pray thee, be a sound mind among them) and to spend an old age neither unhonoured nor unsolaced by the lyre.'

valido is opposed to 'senectam.' He asks for the health and strength to enjoy, as long as nature allows a man to look for health and strength, and when old age comes, for the solaces of old age. This double purpose of 'valido,' fixing the time as well as asking for the necessary condition of 'frui' ('while I am strong and because I am strong'), will explain the reason why 'et' is joined to it, although grammatically it qualifies 'frui' and answers to 'nec (= et non) turpem senectam degere.' For 'et . . . nec,' cp. Cic. Brut. 4. 17 'ego et expectabo ea quae polliceris neque exigam nisi tuo commodo,' &c. 'At' has been altered with some slight MS. authority to 'ac' and to 'et.' 'Et valido et integra cum mente,' which Orelli and others accept, would give a more flowing sentence, and a more

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complete parallel to Juvenal's prayer for the 'mens sana in corpore sano,' the insertion of 'precor' serving only to lay the greater stress on the second prayer.

ODE XXXII

'THEY call on us for a song. Come, my lyre, I have drawn strains from thee before which, light though they be, will not soon die : answer now with such music for Roman ears as thou yieldedst of old to Alcaeus. He was a patriot and a warrior, yet amidst his wars and shipwrecks he found time to sing of wine and love. O lyre, the delight of gods, the solace of toil, help me too whenever I duly call on thee.'

It is not unlikely that the Ode refers to some request of Augustus or Maecenas for a poem of a graver cast: Ritter thinks of the stately Alcaic Odes which stand at the beginning of Book iii. There is an appearance of reality in the appeal of the first stanza, and in the pains which he takes to point out that lyrics on Lycus' black hair were not inconsistent in Alcaeus' case with civic zeal and soldierly courage. It is written, like Od. i. 1, 2. 20, 3. 30, when Horace had become easy as to his own powers and their recognition by the world. See, however, on v. i.

1. Poscimur. The MSS. are divided between this reading and 'poscimus.' 'Poscimur' is interpreted by Acr. and Comm. Cruq., and is quoted by Servius on Virg. Ecl. i. 10. The reading is strongly supported by the occurrence of the same phrase several times in Ovid, Fast. 4. 721 'Palilia poscor,' 'I am asked for a poem on the Palilia'; Met. 5. 333 'Poscimur Aonides,' 4. 274 'Poscitur Alcathoe,' 'scilicet ut narret fabulam,' Bentl. There is a rival reading 'poscimus,' which has the authority of B and of Diomedes, and which Bentl. supports. It seems to necessitate an alteration, which he also adopts, in the mode of taking the whole stanza. He put 'si quid . . . tecum' into a parenthesis, making 'quod et hunc in annum vivat et pluris' a description not of what Horace and his lyre have already sung, but of the greater song now asked for, 'carmen' being constructed ἀπὸ κοινοῦ with 'poscimus' and 'dic.' It is obvious that this would alter the character of the poem. It would hardly lead us to think of any special occasion, and the tone of confidence would have vanished from it.

si quid . . . lusimus, the usual formula for urging a petition. C. S. 37 'Roma si vestrum est opus,' &c.; Virg. Aen. 4. 317 'si bene quid de te merui . . . oro.'

vacui, in hour of leisure. S. 2. 3. 10 'si vacuum tepido cepisset villula tecto'; Virg. G. 3. 3 'quae vacuas tenuissent carmina mentis.'

2. lusimus, παίζειν, Pind. Ol. i. 23; 'si quid olim lusit Anacreon,' Od. 4. 9. 9; 'haec ego ludo,' S. i. 10. 37. So Virg. E. i. 10, G. 4. 565, of light and playful poetry; or used depreciatingly by an

author of his own performances, which he represents as the amusement of a leisure hour.

3. **vivat.** Epp. 1. 19. 2 'nulla placere diu nec vivere carmina possunt.'

dic, Od. 3. 4. 1; Theogn. 761 φόρμιγξ δ' αὖ φθέγγοιθ' ἱερὸν μέλος.

Latinum: for it is a Greek lyre that is called upon to give music to Roman ears. Horace is 'Romanae fidicen lyrae,' Od. 4. 3. 23. The main antithesis is contained in the words 'Latinum,' 'Lesbio,' helped also probably, as Dill^r. suggests, by an antithesis which might be felt between the Greek and Latin 'barbite,' 'carmen.' See on Od. 1. 1. 34.

5. **modulate,** used passively as 'metatus,' Od. 2. 15. 15, S. 2. 2. 114; 'abominatus,' Epod. 16. 8; 'detestatus,' Od. 1. 1. 24. See Madv. § 153.

civi, emphatic: cp. Od. 1. 2. 21. Of Alcaeus' strenuous participation in the politics of Mytilene we have proofs in the fragments 15-23, classed together by Bergk as *στασιωτικά* ('Alcaeï minaces Camenae,' Od. 4. 9. 7).

6. **ferox bello.** Alcaeus fought against the Athenians in the Troad (Hdt. 5. 95), and against Myrsilus and Pittacus, 'tyrants' of Mytilene. 'ferox' = 'quamquam ferox erat.' With this stanza, cp. Od. 2. 13. 26 'te sonantem plenius aureo, Alcaee, plectro dura navis, Dura fugae mala, dura belli.'

11. **Lycum.** His name occurs in Alc. Fr. 57, Bergk.

nigris oculis. A. P. 37 'Spectandum nigris oculis nigroque capillo.'

15. **cumque.** This is the unanimous reading of the MSS. and was found by all the Schol., who explain it by 'quandocumque.' If so, we must either say that Horace, who abbreviates 'quandocumque' to 'quandoque' (Od. 4. 1. 17, &c.), has here treated 'cumcumque' (see Lucr. 2. 113) in the same way; or, that he has used 'cumque' (which generalizes relatives and relative particles of all kinds, and which is constantly separated from the word which it generalizes [Od. 1. 9. 14, &c.]), after the analogy of *ποτέ*, with the temporal participle. Nothing else is offered but conjectures, 'mihi, cuique,' Bentl.; 'medicumque,' Lachm.

ODE XXXIII

'THINK not too much, Albius, of Glycera's faithlessness, nor write piteous elegies about your rejection. It is the way always: Lycoris pining for Cyrus: Cyrus in love with Pholoe, who will as soon wed him as a she goat a wolf. This is merely Venus' cruel sport. I am not exempt from the law.'

The Ode is addressed to Albius Tibullus, the poet, to whom also Horace wrote an Epistle (1. 4). Glycera is not one of the mistresses

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to whom any of Tibullus' extant poems are addressed. See Dean Milman's Article on Tibullus in the Dict. Biog.

Metre—*Fourth Asclepiad.*

1. **ne doleas**, 'to prevent your grieving [consider these facts].' It is not a direct prohibition, but the negative purpose of the coming recital. Cp. 2. 1. 37 and 4. 9. 1, and, though there the clause that follows 'ne' is in the third person, 2. 4. 1.

plus nimio, see on Od. 1. 18. 15. It seems to qualify 'doleas' as well as 'memor.'

2. **immitis Glyceræ**, with a play on her name which makes it an oxymoron; *πικρὸν Γλυκέριον*: see on Od. 1. 22. 24.

miserabilis, 'piteous,' 'moving pity.' Virg. G. 4. 514, of the nightingale, '*miserabile carmen* Integrat.'

3. **decantes**. From the notion of 'singing out to the end,' comes that of persistence, and then of the tediousness of repetition, the same tune always, in which sense the verb is used constantly in Cicero, as de Or. 2. 18. 75 '*nec mihi opus est Graeco aliquo doctore qui mihi pervulgata praecepta decantet.*' Cp. Epp. 1. 1. 63 '*nenia . . . Curiis et decantata Camillis.*'

cur . . . praeniteat, this is the question which he is perpetually asking in his piteous elegies. Cp. Epp. 1. 8. 10 '*irascar amicis Cur me funesto properent arcere veterno,*' 'be angry, and ask what they mean by warning me,' &c. So in prose, Cic. ad Att. 3. 9 '*quod me accusas, cur hunc meum casum tam graviter feram, debes ignoscere.*'

5 foll. Cp. the sixth Idyll of Moschus, "*Ἥρα Πὰν Ἀχῶς τᾶς γείτονος, ἦρατο δ' Ἀχῶ | σκιρτητᾶ Σατύρῳ, Σάτυρος δ' ἐπεμαίνετο Λύδᾳ, κτλ.*"

5. **tenui fronte**. Mart. 4. 42. 9 '*frons brevis.*' Cp. Epp. 1. 7. 26 '*reddes . . . nigros angusta fronte capillos.*' There, however, it is a mark of youth as well as of good looks.

6. **torret**. The metaphor is Sappho's, *ὄπταις ἄμμε* Fr. 115.

Cyrus . . . Pholoe, see App. 1. The name of 'Cyrus' appears in Od. 1. 17. 25, that of 'Pholoe fugax' in Od. 2. 5. 17. In both cases the type of character, if not the person indicated, is the same as in this place. 'Pholoe' is the name of a coy or coquettish girl in Tibull. 1. 8.

in asperam declinat. 'Asperam' is not a mere epithet, but predicative. Cyrus, instead of pursuing Lycoris, turns aside after Pholoe, but only to find her bristles set against him.

7. **prius**, &c. Virg. E. 8. 26 '*Mopso Nisa datur: quid non speremus amantes? Iungentur iam grypes equis.*' Wolves of Apulia are named in Od. 1. 22. 18.

9. **turpi**, 'ugly.'

adultero does not mean more than 'a gallant.'

10. **sic visum Veneri**, of mysterious 'dispensations'; as Acron says, '*quotienscumque ratio non apparet "sic visum" interponitur, ut Vergilius (Aen. 3. 1) "Postquam res Asiae Priamique evertere regnum Immeritum visum superis."*' Here there is a half-comic irony in the solution. Sophocles' Chorus are more serious in their

explanation of the troubles caused by love: ἄμαχος γὰρ ἐμπαίξει θεὸς Ἀφροδίτα, Antig. 800, a Play with which Horace was familiar, see on Od. 4. 13. 8. Compare the sport of Mars, Od. 1. 2. 39; of Fortune, 3. 29. 50; and of Venus herself, 3. 27. 67 foll.

11. **iuga aenea**, 'a yoke they cannot break.' Od. 3. 9. 17 'quid si prisca redivit Venus, Diductosque iugo cogit aeneo.'

13. **melior Venus**, on Od. 1. 27. 14. 'Melior' is interpreted by the description given of Myrtale's rank and temper.

14. **grata compede**, so again, Od. 4. 11. 23.

15. **acrior**, 'more passionate,' as Virgil's 'acri Lycurgo,' Aen. 3. 14, translates Sophocles' ὀξύχολος παῖς Δρύαντος, Ant. 955.

Hadriae, Od. 3. 9. 23 'improbo iracundior Hadria.'

16. **curvantis Calabros sinus**, 'that breaks into curving bays the Calabrian shore.' Luc. 8. 177 'Scythiae curvantem litora pontum.' It is the proof of the force of the sea, and so of the passion of which it is the similitude. 'Sinus' is the accus. of the result rather than of the object, as Virgil says, 'rumpere vocem,' Aen. 2. 129; 'rumpere aditus,' ib. 2. 494; as well as 'rumpere silentium,' 'claustra,' &c. Horace is thinking of the great Tarentine gulf. The words have also been taken, with less probability, of 'cresting the water,' like Homer's κυρτωθέν κῦμα, Od. 11. 244; κῦμα . . . κυρτὸν ἔδον κορυφῶται, Il. 4. 426; and Virgil's 'Tollimur in caelum curvato gurgite,' Aen. 3. 564: 'sinus' in this case being either the water of the Calabrian bays, or the hollow of the waves themselves. For this last, cp. Virg. G. 4. 361 'Curvata in montis faciem circumstetit unda, Accepitque sinu vasto misitque sub amnem.' The true parallel, however, is Virgil's constant epithet, 'litore curvo.'

ODE XXXIV

'I SURRENDER my old Epicurean doctrine of the "careless" gods (Sat. 1. 5. 101). I have heard thunder not where Lucretius might explain it to me from clashing clouds, but in a cloudless sky, where I could not but recognize it as the rolling of the chariot wheels that shake all creation. It is the same hand that launches "bolts from a clear sky" in human things, that lifts the humble and overthrows the proud when men least expect it.'

Horace is thinking of the challenge with which Lucretius clenches his argument that thunder comes from purely natural causes:—

'Denique cur numquam caelo iacit undique puro

Iuppiter in terras fulmen scnitusque profundit?'—6. 400.

The notable changes of fortune in his mind at the time are very possibly the vicissitudes of Phraates and Tiridates on the Parthian throne (see Introd. to Odes i-iii, § 8), though the expressions in vv. 14 foll. are not particular enough to necessitate this interpretation. The framework of the Ode bears some resemblance to that

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of 1. 22; each centering round a circumstance in the poet's personal experience. This in both cases stands in the middle of the Ode, introduced by the emphatic 'namque' (1. 22. 9): it is the ground of the statements that precede and follow. What he has witnessed in this case, and the cause to which alone he can trace it, justify both the general recantation of stanza 1, and the solution which he gives in stanza 4 of the difficulty in the human world which seems to him analogous to the thunder, for which no 'secondary cause' was to be found, in the material world.

1. **parcus** refers to offerings, **frequens** to attendance. Cp. the opposite '[Demosthenes] frequens fuit Platonis auditor.' Cic. Or. 4. 15.

2. **insanientis sapientiae**, σοφίας ἀσώφου: the oxymoron is continued in 'consultus erro': σοφία or 'sapientia' is the special name that Lucretius claims for the Epicurean system, 'vitae rationem' . . . eam quae nunc appellatur sapientia,' 5. 10, cp. 2. 7 'doctrina sapientum.'

3. **consultus**, as used commonly with 'iuris,' meant one whose opinion was sought, and so an adept, a professor. Livy had led the way in transferring it to other arts, 'iuris atque eloquentiae consultus,' 10. 22.

4. **iterare cursus relictos**, 'to steer again in the course I had deserted,' i.e. to return to the ways of thought to which I was accustomed before I learnt Epicureanism. Bentley, disliking the expression 'relinquere cursus' ('relinquere viam' he thinks would be right, but 'intermittere cursum'), and attracted by the frequent use by the later poets of 'relegere' with 'cursus,' 'viam,' &c. (cp. Virg. Aen. 3. 690 'relegens errata retrorsum Litora'), wished to read, *ex mera coniectura*, 'relectos,' which would be predicative, 'to retrace and travel again,' &c.

5. **Diespiter**, a religious archaism, affected by Horace again in Od. 3. 29: cp. Varr. L. L. 5. 66 'antiquius Iovis nomen: nam olim Diovis et Diespiter dictus, id est dies pater.' So A. Gell. 6. 12 'Iovis Diespater appellatus est, id est, diei et lucis pater,' and Macr. Saturn. 2. 15. It is connected by them with the name 'Lucetius,' given to him in the hymns of the Salii. It occurs probably in the formula of the Fetiales, Liv. 1. 24 (see Seeley's note). On the etymology see Corssen, Aussprache, 1. 233: he refuses to allow the composition of a Latin word by means of a genitive case, and therefore sees in Dies- a form of the stem which also appears in the Greek εὐ-διέσ-τερος, and 'with the Latin change of *s* to *r*' in 'ho-dier-nus.'

7. **plerumque**. All the older commentators who notice the point join 'plerumque' with 'egit,' not perceiving that Horace is speaking of a single instance in his own experience. For the emphatic position of 'plerumque' at the end of its clause Bentl. compares Epp. 2. 2. 84 and Lucr. 5. 1131.

purum, the cloudless sky: 'sole puro,' Od. 3. 29. 45, cp. 3. 10. 8.

Thunder, under such circumstances, is a special portent in the poets; Hom. Od. 20. 112-114, Virg. G. 1. 487, Aen. 8. 524 foll., Ov. Fast. 3. 370, &c.

8. **currum**, Od. 1. 12. 58.

9-11. See on Od. 3. 4. 45. The meaning is 'all creation.' The sense of universality is given by the contrasts; 'earth, though you might think it too dull and still, the streams which seem as if they moved too quick, the abysses below, the utmost bounds above.'

10. **Taenari**: a cavern in the cliffs of Taenarum Prom. (Cape Matapan) was thought to be an entrance to Hades, Virg. G. 4. 467 'Taenarias fauces, alta ostia Ditis.' *Ἀΐδα στόμα*, Pind. Pyth. 4. 44.

11. **Atlanteus finis**. *τέρμονες Ἀτλαντικοί*, Eur. Hipp. 3.

14. **apicem** seems to be used here, and in Od. 3. 21. 20 'regum apices,' for the tiara of eastern kings. It was the name of the conical cap worn at Rome by the 'flamines'; see Virg. Aen. 8. 664, and Conington's note on id. 2. 683. Cicero (Leg. 1. 1) uses it where Livy (1. 34) uses 'pileus,' in telling the story of the eagle which snatched away and restored the cap of Tarquinius Priscus as he approached Rome. It seems quite possible (as Lord Lytton argues) that even if Horace is actually thinking of the vicissitudes of Phraates, he may be also 'borrowing a metaphor to describe them from a familiar Roman myth.'

15. **Fortuna**, not apparently that he attributes any moral purpose to Fortune, as in the following Ode, or co-ordinates her with 'deus' as an expression of the power that governs human life. It is only (as in Od. 3. 29. 49 foll. where also we have her 'rushing wings') the personification of the vicissitudes of life, the effect that we see, not the cause which he has traced in the lines before.

16. **sustulit**. Like 'posuisse,' a proper perfect. The time from which both are dated is 'gaudet.' She has snatched away from one and is rejoicing at having placed on another. All passes in a moment of time 'cum stridore acuto,' with one sharp whistle of her wings.

ODE XXXV

THE Fortuna of this Ode, as has been already suggested, is a different conception from that of the last. She is the author of the vicissitudes of life, but not in sport (as in Od. 3. 29. 49), or at random as the blind chance-goddess. The apparent capriciousness is that of a hidden will, and its decisions have the fixity of fate. Through any confusion of image in vv. 21-28 (see on v. 24) the thought is clear, that her attributes are moral. 'Her frown does not drive away hope nor extinguish any but mercenary affection.' Her purposes are moral, and the greatness of Rome is amongst them.

The purpose of the Ode seems to lie in the last three stanzas. Fortune the mistress of human life, so universal in her sway, so

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irresistible, yet with a more gracious aspect, is invoked to bless Caesar in his endeavours to turn Roman energy upon its proper object, foreign instead of civil war.

One of the chief conceptions of Fortune to a Roman was the 'Fortuna publica,' 'Fortuna populi Romani,' the Fortune described in Plutarch's image (Περὶ τῆς Ῥωμαίων τύχης, c. 4): 'even as Aphrodite, when she crossed the Eurotas, laid aside her mirror and her ornaments and her cestus, and took spear and shield to adorn herself for Lycurgus' eyes, so when, after her sojourning with Persians and Assyrians, with Macedonians and Carthaginians, she (τύχη) approached the Palatine and crossed the Tiber, she laid aside her wings and took off her sandals and left behind her ball, the symbol of fickleness and change.'

A date for the Ode seems to be approximately given by vv. 29 foll., which must refer to Augustus' departure from Rome in the summer of B.C. 27 with the purpose of invading Britain. Dion 53. 22. See Introd. to Books i-iii. § 3. It has been suggested that Augustus may have inquired of the oracle about the expedition which he was planning, and that this gave occasion to the Ode.

1. **gratum**, sc. 'tibi,' 'your loved Antium,' as 'dilectam Cypron,' Od. 1. 30. 2. Horace imitates the common mode of addressing a Greek god or goddess by the title of some chief seat of their worship, 'O quae beatam diva tenes Cyprum,' Od. 3. 26. 9, &c. There was at Antium a famous temple of Fortuna, or rather apparently of the Fortunae, who were represented as two sisters, 'veridicae sorores,' Mart. 5. 1. 3, whose images were consulted as an oracle; cp. Suet. Calig. 57.

2. **praesens**, not elsewhere used with an infinitive, but found not uncommonly in the sense of 'powerful,' 'prompt to any purpose.'

3, 4. **mortale corpus**, 'to lift from the dust a frail mortal man, and to change to a funeral train the proud triumphal procession.' Put man at his lowest, she can yet raise him to glory; put him at his highest, a touch of her hand brings him down to dust again. 'Funeribus' is the ablative, 'vertere seria ludo,' A. P. 226, after the analogy of 'mutare.'

5. **pauper**. There seems to be suggested a double opposition, the rich and the poor, the landsman and the sailor, though, after Horace's way, each clause has to borrow something to complete the antithesis from the other. 'Pauper ruris colonus' implies its converse, the riches of the trader; 'dominam aequoris' is meant to suggest that she distributes also the treasures of the country.

7. **Bithyna**, rather, like 'Cypria trabe,' Od. 1. 1. 13, as coming from or trading to Bithynia, a seat of commerce, Od. 3. 7. 3, Epp. 1. 6. 33, than as built of Bithynian timber, as 'Pontica pinus,' Od. 1. 14. 11.

laccessit, 'tempts,' as though the sea were a wild beast which it was dangerous to go too near; 'non tangenda vada,' Od. 1. 3. 24.

8. **Carpantium**, the sea between Rhodes and Crete, named from the island Carpathus. Like 'Bithyna' it is merely a special name for a general. There is a point, however, in naming as many countries as may be.

9. **asper**, the Dacian who stands fiercely at bay (cp. 'tigris aspera,' Od. 1. 23. 9) is contrasted with the nomad Scythians who, if attacked, retreat into their boundless steppes. These again, perhaps with more settled peoples, 'urbesque.' The object of all the epithets is to insist on the universality of Fortune's sway (cp. 1. 34. 9-11, 3. 4. 45-48). No distance or difference of life exempts men from it. This is brought out equally by the antithetical form of v. 9 and by the quick accumulation of copulatives in vv. 10-12.

10. **ferox**, exactly corresponds to Goldsmith's 'pride in their port, defiance in their eye.' Cp. 3. 3. 44.

11, 12. The mothers of eastern princes fear for their sons, as Atossa for Xerxes (cp. Od. 3. 2. 7), and princes in the midst of their splendid state fear for themselves.

13. **iniurioso**, ἰβριστικῶς, 'contumelious,' Epod. 17. 33.

ne . . . neu, not two different dangers; the second is only one form of the danger metaphorically described in the first clause.

14. **columnam**. The pillar seems to be metaphorical, an emblem of stability, as we might say colloquially, 'pull the house about our ears.' The best illustration, perhaps the source, is a line of Ennius (Annales 351, Vahlen), which Donatus quoted in explaining 'columen familiae,' Ter. Phorm. 2. 1. 58, 'Regni versatum [pilam?] summamve columnam.' Some editors have thought of the column erected in the Forum by the people in memory of Julius Caesar, and destroyed again by Dolabella, Suet. Jul. 85, Cic. Phil. 1. 2.

frequens, 'crowding,' 'gathering in crowds.'

15. 'Arouse to arms the loiterers, to arms'; 'ad arma' is the actual cry. Ovid imitates the repetition, Met. 11. 377 'Cuncti coëamus et arma, Arma capessamus'; 12. 241 'Certatimque omnes uno ore arma, arma loquuntur.'

17. **saeva**, 'stern,' cp. Od. 1. 28. 20. The balance of MS. authority is in favour of the rival reading 'serva,' which Porph. interprets as = 'slavish,' i. e. bringing slavery with it. Acr., though offering this as an alternative, takes it in what, if we retain it, is doubtless its true sense, as her slave, 'quasi sit Necessitas comes et ministra Fortunae.' Keller, believing 'saeva' to be the original reading, thinks that this explanation of Acr. is what led to the corruption, having been meant to explain not 'serva,' but 'anteit,' and that Acron himself found 'saeva.' 'Necessitas' seems to want an epithet as in the corresponding passage (q. v.), Od. 3. 24. 6 'Si figit adamantinos Summis verticibus dira Necessitas Clavos.' The nails, &c. belong to Necessitas: they are not carried by her for Fortuna. We do not wish, even if it were possible, to make too perfect an image of the procession. The details of one part of it

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are not really congruous with those of another. 'Doom goes before the steps of Fortune; Doom, whose handiwork man cannot undo.' We want every word that we can spare to heighten the picture of Doom. Her relation to Fortune is lightly passed over.

18. *clavos trabalis*, nails such as are used to fix beams. In a like symbolic sense, Cic. Verr. 2. 5. 21 'Ut hoc beneficium quemadmodum dicitur clavo trabali figeret,' i. e. 'ut ratum ac firmum faceret.'

cuneos, 'wedge-shaped nails.' Cic., who translates from Aesch., speaks of Prometheus as fastened to the rock by means of 'cunei,' Tusc. 2. 10. 23, and renders *πυκνοῖς γόμφοις* in Plat. Tim. p. 1055 by 'crebris cuneolis.'

19. *severus*, 'inexorable': the quality which is the very object to be symbolized is attributed to the symbol, see notes on Od. 2. 2. 1, 4. 2. 7, 8. The 'uncus' is an iron cramp which, fastened by molten lead, was used to join blocks of stone, such as the joints of a column, Vitruv. 2. 8. The implements which Necessitas carries are all emblems of the fixity of her sentence. The point is not that they are implements of building, but that they are the implements which make a building indissoluble. Others besides her may be supposed to be planning and building, but what she builds none shall throw down or break in pieces. The metaphorical use both of nails and of molten lead is old; Pind. P. 4 *τίς δὲ κίνδυνος κρατεροῖς ἀδάμαντος δῆσεν ἄλοις*; Aesch. Supp. 944 *τῶνδ' ἐφήλωται τορῶς γόμφος διαμπάξ, ὥς μένειν ἀραρότως*. Eur. Andr. 267 *καὶ γὰρ εἰ πέριξ σ' ἔχει | τηκτὸς μόλυβδος*. On a cup found at Perugia is a representation of Atropos holding a nail against a wall with her left hand and lifting a hammer with the right, Dict. Ant. s. v. 'clavus.' The old mistake of the Comm. Cruq. who took all the expressions of instruments of torture has found no recent defender except Ritter.

There is a well-known criticism on this stanza in a note (30) to Lessing's Laocoon. It seemed to him an instance in which poetry had suffered from inattention to the laws which distinguish its functions from those of painting. It is a picture; the attributes all appeal to the eye. In a painting or piece of sculpture they would be all seen at a glance. The effort of mind required to comprehend them would be very small; and in the meantime, as 'Necessitas' would be in itself merely an unnamed female figure, they would be necessary symbols to convey the allegory to the spectator. It is different with the poet. The symbols are not needed to interpret the personification, for he can speak the terrible name of the power which he is personifying. They need interpretation themselves, and their accumulation wearies, because, though each costs a fresh effort to the mind, there is no corresponding and distinct addition to the idea conveyed. What, when we interpret it, is implied by the molten lead that was not also implied by the nails? Few will dispute the main propositions of Lessing's criticism; but we may notice that Horace does not leave

the interpretation of the symbols to the unassisted efforts of the mind. The epithets are an integral part of his description, and they give at every turn the moral meaning which sculpture or painting could only indirectly convey. As Orelli remarks, 'aena manu' is an addition which poetry only could have ventured to make, for it involves a figure within the figure. The very sameness from this point of view has some force. Horace gives us a very detailed picture, but in every feature he bids us see one and the same awful character.

21. albo velata panno. The image seems to be taken from the actual custom which was observed by the priests who sacrificed to Fides of veiling their hand in a white cloth, the symbol expressing apparently at once secrecy (contrast Od. 1. 18. 10 'arcani Fides prodiga pellucidior vitro') and guilelessness.

rara, i.e. rarely found. The epithet really reminds us that loyalty is a quality, and so impairs the personification, cp. Od. 2. 16. 21.

22. comitem abnegat, 'denies thee a companion,' i.e. the only companion whom she could deny, viz. herself. Ovid, possibly in imitation, 'Si qua repugnatat nimum comitemque negarat' (sc. se), A. A. 1. 127. For the sing. verb see on Od. 1. 3. 10.

24. inimica. It can hardly be denied that some confusion in the allegory is brought to the surface by this epithet. In this stanza at least Fortune is not a power wholly external to the person who suffers or rejoices, but rather the genius of his life, 'mortalis in unum-Quodque caput, vultu mutabilis.' This is quite clear from its first lines, for Hope and loyal friends are said to cling to her when she changes her garb and leaves the home of greatness. Hope and loyal friends are consolations of adversity, so that Horace must mean not that they go with Fortune when she deserts a man, but that they cling to him, to his changed estate as to his unchanged. Yet if this is the case, in what sense is she said to be 'inimica'? On whom does she frown? A man deserted by Fortune, suffering under the illtreatment of Fortune, is a common picture, but it is a conception of Fortune which, if it suits the earlier stanzas of the Ode, is at variance with the general tone of this one. Fortune, according to this, does not drive the great man from his palace, nor fly from him and leave him in it to calamity, but goes with him. She 'changes her garb,' but only as he would himself; it is the common Roman habit of putting on a sad-coloured dress in a time of misfortune (cp. Epod. 9. 28 'punico Lugubre mutavit sagum').

26. cadis siccatis, cp. the Greek proverb $\xi\epsilon\iota\ \chi\acute{\upsilon}\tau\rho\alpha\ \xi\eta\ \phi\iota\lambda\iota\alpha$.

28. ferre iugum pariter dolosi. 'Ferre' depends not on the whole idea of 'dolosi,' but on the positive attribute which is denied in it. 'Not honest in bearing,' 'no loyal yoke-fellows.' The metaphor is common. The yoke sometimes, as perhaps here, has a reference to the labours or troubles that friendship shares and lightens. Aesch. Ag. 842 $\epsilon\tau\omicron\iota\mu\omicron\varsigma\ \eta\nu\ \epsilon\mu\omicron\iota\ \sigma\epsilon\iota\rho\alpha\phi\acute{o}\rho\omicron\varsigma$, St. Paul, Phil.

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4. 3 *σύζυγε γνήσιε*, Ov. Trist. 5. 2. 39 'Me miserum quid agam si proxima quaeque relinquunt? Subtrahis effracto tu quoque colla iugo.' Sometimes, as Theoc. 12. 15 *ἀλλήλους ἐφίλησαν ἴσῳ ζύγῳ*, it only refers to the bond of love or friendship which is only easy when both parties feel its weight equally.

29. *ultimos*, 'remotis . . . Britannis,' Od. 4. 14. 47. Cp. Virg. E. 1. 67 'penitus toto divisos orbe Britannos'; for the genitive 'orbis' cp. 'Extremi hominum Morini,' Virg. Aen. 8. 727.

30. *recens examen*, Aesch. Pers. 126 *πᾶς γὰρ ἱππηλάτας | καὶ πεδοστιβῆς λεῶς | σμῆνος ὥς ἐκλέλοιπεν μελισ | σάν*. Horace uses the metaphor of slaves clustering round the fire, Epod. 2. 65.

32. *Oceano rubro*, the Indian Ocean with its two arms, the Persian Gulf and the Red Sea.

33. *cicatricum et sceleris*. The expression is of the nature of what grammarians call *hendiadys*. In prose the ideas would be grouped more logically. The real object of the feeling of 'shame' is one, viz. the 'guilt' of civil war; the 'scars' are only its memorials, the 'brotherhood' of the combatants its aggravation. We are not ashamed of them in the same sense that we are ashamed of the guilt; but the feeling of guilt comes to us through divers approaches.

34. *fratrumque*, Virg. G. 2. 510 'gaudent perfusi sanguine fratrum.' The absence of any definite qualification of 'fratrum,' such as 'a fratribus occisorum,' is due partly to the fact just noticed that the word is not intended to convey the full feeling; it is only one approach among several;—the thought of brothers is a shameful thought to Romans, because they would think also how brothers had been treated, as the thought of scars was shameful, because they could not but remember the quarrel in which they had been come by—partly to the fact that 'fratrum' as a correlative term leads our thoughts to its correlative; of 'brothers' conduct,' means of their conduct as brothers, and so towards their brethren. Cp. the pregnant use of 'civis' in Od. 1. 2. 21. Any more definite expression of the horror of fratricidal war is purposely avoided and sunk in the general question 'quid nos refugimus?' With the string of questions that follow, cp. Od. 2. 1. 29–36.

39. *diffingas*. The verb 'diffingere' is found in no other author, and in Horace only here and in Od. 3. 29. 47 'neque Diffinget infectumque reddet.' The Scholiasts interpret it here 'refabricare,' 'reformare,' there 'immutare.' It seems to mean 'to make differently,' i. e. (in this case) 'to a different purpose.' The swords have been blunted in civil war, they are to be beaten straight and sharp again for a foreign enemy. For the image cp. Virg. Aen. 7. 636 'recoquant patrios fornacibus ensis.'

40. *Massagetas*, a tribe living to the east of the Caspian.

Arabas. The reference is to the expedition planned against Arabia, see Introd. to Od. 1. 29.

ODE XXXVI

'THANKS to the gods that have brought Numida safe home again, to the delight of many friends, and of none more than his old school-fellow Lamia. The day must have a white stone to mark it. We will revel, we will dance: Bassus shall rival Damalis in his draughts of wine to-day. Every eye will be on Damalis; but Damalis will have no embraces for any one but Numida.'

Nothing is known of Numida. Acr. and Porph. call him 'Pomponius Numida,' the Comm. Cruq. 'Plotius.' The latter is more likely to be right, as Numida is a known cognomen of the Plautia or Plotia gens. It is usually supposed that he was returning from the Cantabrian war, from which Augustus returned in B.C. 24 (Od. 3. 14). Numida may of course conceivably have returned earlier.

For Lamia, see on Od. 1. 26, 3. 17.

For the subject of the Ode cp. 2. 7 on the return of Pompeius.

Metre—*Third Asclepiad*.

1. **fidibus**, of music at a sacrifice. Cp. Od. 4. 1. 21.

2. **placare**, a general word for 'to secure the favour' of the gods, without implying that they were angry before. Cp. Od. 3. 23. 3.

debito, cp. in the parallel Ode 2. 7. 17 'obligatam redde Iovi dapem,' 'due,' whether it had been actually vowed or not.

4. **Hesperia**, 'the West.' To the Greeks Italy was the 'western land,' and so we find the word used in Virgil. Horace himself uses it of Italy as compared with Parthia, Od. 2. 1. 32. In Roman mouths generally it would mean the countries still further west, and be used of Spanish wars, &c.

8. **non alio rege**, see on Od. 4. 1. 4 'sub regno Cinaræ.' The expression seems partly to be due to the common mode of computing dates, 'consule Planco,' βασιλεύοντος Κύρου, &c., partly to contain a description of the imperious character of the rule, there of a mistress, here of a schoolmaster, like Horace's own 'plagosus Orbilius.'

puertiae. For the shortened form cp. 'lamna,' Od. 2. 2. 2, Epp. 1. 15. 36; 'surpuerat,' Od. 4. 13. 20; 'soldus,' S. 1. 2. 113, 2. 5. 65.

9. **mutatae . . . togae**, i. e. the assumption of the 'toga virilis' instead of the 'praetexta' at the age of fifteen.

10. **Cressa nota**. Bentley seems to have been the first to suggest that by 'Cressa nota' Horace meant 'a mark of Cretan stone,' i. e. of chalk, called 'creta,' or supposed to be called so, for the reason for which the Greeks called fuller's earth Κιμωλία γῆ (Ar. Ran. 713, Ov. Met. 7. 463 'Cretosaque rura Cimoli') from Cimolus, one of the Cyclades, whence they obtained it. He pointed out that where he is writing 'sermoni propiora,' he calls it simply 'creta'; S. 2. 3.

246 'creta an carbone notati.' Horace is referring to what was doubtless merely a proverbial mode of expression among the Romans. Pliny attributes it as an actual custom to a Thracian tribe, 'quae calculos colore distinctos pro experimento cuiusque diei in urnam condit ac supremo die separatos dinumerat atque ita de quoque pronunciat,' N. H. 7. 40. The Latin poets are full of allusions to such a fancied symbolic practice. Cp. Mart. 12. 34 (where he is reviewing his thirty-four years of intercourse with his kinsman Jul. Martialis) 'Quarum dulcia mixta sunt amaris, Sed iucunda tamen fuere plura: Et si calculus omnis huc et illuc Diversus bicolorque digeratur Vincet candida turba nigriorem.' For briefer references, Catull. 68. 148 'Quem lapide illa diem candidiore notat'; 106. 6 'O lucem candidiore nota'; Pers. 2. 1 'Hunc Macrine diem numera meliore lapillo.' Some early critics altered 'Cressa' to 'Thressa,' on the ground apparently of the story in Pliny. The Schol. justify 'Cressa' by relating the same story of the Cretans; but, as Bentley remarked, whether they were Thracians or Cretans they used black stones as well as white, so that the epithet would not imply the colour of the stone to be used.

11. **promptae**, pred., the wine jar must be brought out ('cellis depromere avitis,' Od. 1. 37. 5), and when brought there must be no stint of it.

12. Cp. 1. 37. 1 'pede libero Pulsanda tellus.' The words **morem in Salium** occur again in Od. 4. 1. 28. 'Salium' may be the gen. as 'Boeotum,' Ep. 2. 1. 244, or more probably the accus. of the adj. 'Salius,' which occurs in Fest., and which Horace (see on Od. 1. 15. 10) would have been likely to prefer to the longer 'Saliaris.' Dancing was a part of the ceremonies observed by the Salii in the festival of Mars (Liv. 1. 20), and according to Ovid (Fast. 3. 387 'a saltu nomina ducta') was the origin of their name.

13. **multi meri**, imitated by Ovid, Met. 14. 252 'multique Elpenora vini.' Cic. ad Fam. 9. 26, describes a man as 'hospēs non multi cibi, sed multi ioci.' It is an extension of the descriptive gen. 'pusilli animi,' &c., Madv. § 287, with obs. 3. Bassus, whose usual character is clearly intended to contrast with that of Damalis in this respect, is on this occasion to rival her in taking deep draughts of wine, ἀμυστί, i. e. without closing the mouth = ἀπνευστί.

14. **Bassum**. The Roman name almost implies that a real person is intended. There was a Bassus a poetical friend of Ovid (Trist. 4. 10. 47), and one (or two) contemporary with Cicero; but none is known to us whose date would well suit this reference. By Martial's time the name has from this passage become proverbial for a hard drinker (Mart. 6. 69).

Threicia, cp. Callim. Fr. 109 καὶ γὰρ ὁ Θρηκίην μὲν ἀπέστρυγε χάνδον ἀμυστίν ζωροποτείν. Orelli recalls Hector's taunt to Rhesus the Thracian (Eur. Rhes. 418), οὐκ ἐν δαίμονι πικρὴν ἀμυστίν ὥς σὺ δεξιούμενοι. For the Thracian habits, see on Od. 1. 18. 8.

16. **vivax, breve**. Merely for the pleasure of the antithesis, cp. Od. 2. 20. 9, 11 'asperae, leves.' 'Breve,' 'short-lived,' as 'brevis

flores rosae,' Od. 2. 3. 13. The flowers are for garlands for the guests.

ODE XXXVII

A SONG of triumph, written when the news reached Rome, in September, B. C. 30, of the death of Cleopatra and Antony (Dion 51. 19). Compare Epod. 9, which celebrates their defeat at Actium in the preceding year. We may note the absence from both Ode and Epode (see esp. on v. 13) of the name of Antonius. Octavianus has conquered not a Roman rival, but a foreign enemy: 'Senatus Cleopatrae, non Antonio, bellum indixerat (Dion 50. 6): de illa triumphum non de hoc decrevit (Dion 51. 19).' Ritter.

'Now is the time for merriment and thanksgiving, private and public; now, and not before, while the great queen was plotting wild schemes of destruction against Rome. Her madness was cooled at the sight of her fleet in flames. Blind panic became reasonable terror when she fled before Caesar as a dove before a hawk. Yet she was no vulgar woman. She could brave out her fortune, and look death in the face rather than adorn a Roman triumph.' As Horace paints the fierce barbaric queen, her recklessness and her fortitude, he is bringing out in stronger relief the danger from which Rome has been freed, and the glory of Octavianus, who has conquered no unworthy foe.

I have noticed (Introduction to Odes i-iii, § 13) the important place assigned to this Ode, at the end of the Book. It gives Horace's second ground for acquiescing in the supremacy of Octavianus. The alternative, as time went on, had been seen to be not a restoration of the constitution as Brutus conceived it, but (as a choice of masters) Antony with Cleopatra and an orientalized court. See also additional note to Od. 3. 3.

The opening of the Ode was doubtless modelled on the Ode of Alcaeus upon the death of Myrsilus (Fr. 20, Bergk), of which we have two lines preserved in Athen. x. p. 430, A:—

*vûν χρὴ μεθύσθην καὶ τινα πρὸς βίαν
πίνην, ἐπειδὴ κάθανε Μύρσιλος.*

1. **libero**, all restraint on our joy is removed. For dancing as an expression of joy see Od. 1. 36. 12; for the expression, 'pulsanda tellus,' Od. 1. 4. 7 'quatiunt terram'; 3. 18. 15 'pepulisse ter pede terram.'

2. **Saliaribus**, 1. 36. 12, 'fit for the Salii,' as 2. 14. 28 'mero Pontificum potiore cenis'; 'in proverbio erat Saliaris cenas dicere opiparas et copiosas.' Acr.

3. **ornare pulvinar**, Dict. Ant. s. vv. 'supplicatio,' 'lectisternium,' Liv. 5. 13.

4. **tempus erat**, 'we were right to wait; this was the time.' In such uses of the imperfect there is always reference to some past thought, though the relation of the thought to the leading state-

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ment may vary. (1) 'It is, all the time, though we did not think so.' This is the Greek use of ἄρ' ἦν, as πόθος καὶ κακῶν ἄρ' ἦν τις, Soph. O. C. 1697; so Od. 1. 27. 19 'quanta laborabas Charybdi'; so also negatively A. P. 19 'sed non nunc erat his locus.' (2) 'It is as we thought truly,' as here. (3) 'So we thought, but experience shows it is not so': this is the use in the passages of Ovid often quoted to illustrate this place: Trist. 4. 8. 5 'Nunc erat ut posito deberem fine laborum Vivere'; and ib. 24 'Me quoque donari iam rude tempus erat.' This, again, is like the Greek use of ἐβουλόμην, ἐχρῆν, of impossible wishes, and duties that will not be fulfilled. It should be said that the imperfect has been taken here in a simpler sense by Orelli, as rebuking the tardiness of the preparations, 'dudum oportebat'; ὥρα δ' ἦν πάλλαι, Arist. Eccl. 877. This, however, weakens the antithesis, 'nunc . . . antehac.'

5. **antehac**, a disyllable, as 'anteit,' Od. 1. 35. 37.

Caecubum, 1. 20. 9; Epod. 9. 1 'repostum Caecubum in festas dapes.'

6. **cellis avitis**, the bins which our grandsires filled; so it is the oldest as well as the choicest wine reserved for such an occasion.

Capitolio, the symbol of Rome's eternal empire, 'Capitoli immobile saxum.' Cp. Od. 3. 3. 42, 3. 5. 12.

7. **regina**. The title 'regina' would be doubly odious to Roman ears. Cp. Od. 3. 5. 9 'sub rege Medo,' and Epod. 9. 12 'emancipatus feminae.' Orelli notes that coins of Cleopatra's have been found with the inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΙΣΣΑ ΚΛΕΟΠΑΤΡΑ, and coins of Antony's with the inscription 'Cleopatrae Reginae Regum Filiorum Regum.'

dementis ruinas, the epithet transferred from the person to her purpose. Cp. 1. 3. 40 'iracunda fulmina.'

8. **funus**, so Cic. Prov. Cons. 19. 45 'casum illum meum funus esse reipublicae.'

imperio, see on 1. 2. 26.

9. 'With her polluted crew of shamed creatures.' The ref. of 'morbo' and of the ironical 'viroorum' is to the Eunuchs, the shameful appendage of an oriental court. Cf. Epod. 9. 15.

10. **quidlibet impotens sperare**, App. 2, § 2, with no self-restraint in the audacity of her dreaming; 'impotens' is a translation of ἀκράτης.

12. **ebria**, 'drunken with the sweet draught of fortune.' Dem. Phil. 1. p. 54 οἶμαι ἐκείνον μεθύειν τῷ μεγέθει τῶν πεπραγμένων.

13. **vix una sospes**. For the construction cp. 2. 4. 10 'ademptus Hector Tradidit . . . Pergama Graiis.' Horace, in the desire to omit Antony's name, does not distinguish his fleet, which was totally destroyed, from that of Cleopatra, which fled without striking a blow.

14. **lymphatam**, 'panic-stricken.' Properly = νυμφόπληκτον, panic terrors being attributed to the agency, amongst other deities, of the Nymphs; but the word, like *panic* itself, is generalized. Here the effect is attributed to her revels with Antony and the deep

draughts of Egyptian wine, for Bacchus too is the author of such empty fears: cp. Eur. Bacch. 303 foll. *στρατὸν γὰρ ἐν ὄπλοις ὄντα καπὶ τάξεσι | φόβος διεπτόησε πρὶν λόγχης θιγείν* | *μανία δὲ καὶ τοῦτ' ἐστὶ Διονύσου πάρα*. It is opposed to 'veros timores,' 'the fears of soberness.'

Mareotico, a sweet wine from Marea, a town of the Delta, mentioned but not characterized by Virg. G. 2. 91.

16. **ab Italia**, not that she had reached Italy, but that it was the object of the ambitious schemes broken down at Actium. A few of Octavianus' ships seem to have pursued Cleopatra for a short way, but she escaped safely to Alexandria. Horace marks no interval between this and the autumn of the following year, when Octavianus followed, to put a close to the war at Alexandria, and Antony and Cleopatra escaped his hands by a voluntary death.

20. **Haemoniae**, poetical name of Thessaly, mythically derived from Haemon, the father of Thessalus. The epithet probably only implies 'in winter,' the appropriate time for hunting. Sat. 2. 3. 234.

21. **monstrum: quae**, a common *constructio ad sensum*. Cicero calls Catiline 'monstrum,' Cat. 2. 1; Lucan calls Cleopatra 'Latii feralis Erinny,' 10. 59.

22. **nec . . . ensem**. According to Plutarch (Ant. 79) she attempted to stab herself on the approach of Proculeius, Augustus' emissary, but was prevented. The next line and a half have reference perhaps to a plan which, on the same authority (ib. 69), she is said to have entertained of carrying her fleet across the isthmus, and escaping down the Red Sea.

24. **reparavit**, a word of doubtful sense, but found in all the MSS. and interpreted by the Schol. Porph. took it as a pregnant expression = 'ad latentis oras fugit ut vires inde repararet.' It may mean no more than 'found some fresh land out of the way of Caesar's vengeance.' It may also mean (see on I. 31. 12) 'purchased,' 'used her fleet to win for herself,' and there may be in it a more or less conscious remembrance of the Greek uses of ἀμείβειν and ἀλλάττειν, for 'to go to' some new place. Bentley proposed 'penetravit,' and there have been many other conjectures, some of them astounding ones, as 'citare paravit,' 'ire paravit,' &c.

25. **ausa et . . . fortis et**. There is no verb understood. These are the grounds of the foregoing statements, the infinitive following 'fortis,' as in I. 1. 18, &c.

iacentem, metaphorical = 'afflictam ac desolatam,' Orelli.

26. **asperas**, I. 23. 9.

28. **combiberet**, 'drink the full draught.' The story of her death by the bite of an asp was, according to Dion (51. 14), due to conjecture. Some *κεντήματα λεπτά* were found on her arm, which were attributed by some to the bite of an asp, by some to a poisoned needle. Suetonius also (Oct. 17) only says 'putabatur.'

29. **deliberata**, in the sense of Cicero's 'certe statuere ac deliberare,' Verr. 2. 1. 1.

30. **Liburnis**, dative. Their will, which she grudged them, is

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expressed in the infinitive clause. For the Liburnian galleys see on Epod. 1. 1.

31. *privata*, 'unqueened.' The nominative is after the Greek idiom. Porph. and Acr. quote Livy for the statement that Cleopatra 'cum de industria ab Augusto in captivitate indulgentius tractaretur identidem dicere solitam fuisse οὐ θριαμβεύσομαι.'

ODE XXXVIII

A SLIGHT Ode, expressive of the modest avoidance of pomp and luxury which Horace professes and recommends.

For the meaning of its position at the end of the book, and immediately after the Ode on Cleopatra's death, cp. the position of Od. 3. 7, and see Introduction to Odes i-iii, § 12 and notes on 2. 1. 37, 3. 3. 69, 3. 5. 55.

1. *Persicos*, of oriental luxury. Ritter quotes Tac. Ann. 2. 57 'Vox quoque eius [sc. Pisonis] audita est in convivio, cum apud regem Nabataeorum coronae aureae magno pondere Caesari et Agrippinae, leves Pisoni et ceteris offerrentur, principis Romani non Parthi regis filio eas epulas dari; abiicitque simul coronam, et multa in luxum addidit.'

2. *nexae philyra*. *φιλύρα* was the Greek name of the lime tree, Lat. 'tilia'; but it is used in Latin for the fibrous inner bark of that tree (Herod. 4. 67), which was employed, amongst other purposes, in making garlands (Plin. N. H. 16. 25. 14). Ovid calls such garlands 'sutiles,' Fast. 5. 335.

3. *quo*. Mr. Shilleto (on Thuc. 1. 89) explains this as an instance of attraction and absorption of the antecedent, 'quo'='eo ubi,' comparing Ter. Adelph. 2. 1. 36 'illuc redi quo ocepisti.' It is perhaps better to take 'sectari' as only a picturesque substitute for 'quaerere' and admitting the same construction, and 'quo locorum' as='quo loco.' Cicero has 'quo loci'; see Forc. s. v.

4. *sera*, the time would seem to be autumn.

5. *allabores*, a word peculiar to Horace = 'laborando addas.'

6. *curo*. Bentley conjectures 'cura' (imperative), thinking 'curo' not a sufficiently peremptory way of expressing a wish to a slave 'ni Saturnalia tunc agebantur.' But the negative really qualifies it, so that it='non curo quicquam sedulus allabores.'

7. *arta*, not allowed to throw its arms abroad, but tied close over a trellis, or otherwise, so as to give shade.

ODES. BOOK II

ODE I

‘POLLIO is writing the tale of the civil wars, a difficult and delicate task. We can afford to let even his tragedies wait awhile, till the great and brave orator of the forum and the senate, and the conqueror of Illyria, has given us his history. In our eagerness we seem already to hear the trumpets and see the flashing armour, to hear him reading to us of the fall of chieftains and the conquest of all the world save Cato’s stubborn soul. Ay, Jugurtha is avenged now! What land or sea is not red with the blood of our fratricidal wars? But stay, my Muse, these are not themes for you.’

There is nothing to fix the date of the Ode. The expressions of the two first stanzas, ‘*nondum expiatis*,’ ‘*cineri doloso*,’ attract it to the Odes (such as I. 2 and 14) which dwell more on the troubles from which the State had already escaped, than on the new and peaceful order on which it had entered. Octavianus is not mentioned. Pollio had not sided with him, and had certainly been a friend of M. Antony. But the Ode expresses, as strongly as Od. I. 2, that weariness of bloodshed which had induced men to acquiesce in the rule of one.

C. Asinius Pollio, the friend and supporter of Julius Caesar, having passed through the Consulship in B.C. 40 (Virg. E. 4), and won the honours of a triumph for his campaign against the Illyrians (ib. 8. 6–13), withdrew from public life, and, in the subsequent struggle between Antony and Octavius, remained honourably neutral. He was a magnificent patron of literature, and is famous as having established the first public library at Rome out of the spoils of his Illyrian campaign. He was also one of the most accomplished men of the age. Catullus (12. 9) speaks of him in his youth as ‘*leporum Disertus puer et facetiarum*.’ He is ranked among the great orators by Quintilian (10. 1. 113), Seneca (Epist. 100), and Tacitus (De Or. 38). His tragedies are spoken of in high terms by Virgil (E. 8. 10 ‘*sola Sophocleo tua carmina digna cothurno*’) and Horace (Sat. 1. 10. 42). His history of the civil wars, from B.C. 60 to the establishment of Augustus’ power, is referred to by Tacitus (Ann. 4. 34), Suetonius (Jul. 30).

We may notice the skill with which Pollio’s various accomplishments are worked incidentally into the Ode.

1. **motum**, the stir of civil strife. Cicero’s word for a tumult or rising, whether of a foreign or a domestic enemy.

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ex Metello consule, from the consulship of Q. Caec. Metellus Celer and L. Afranius, B.C. 60, the year of the league between Pompey, Crassus, and Caesar, often called the First Triumvirate.

civicum, an archaic and, with the exception of the phrase 'civica corona,' almost exclusively poetical form of the more usual 'civilis.' Cp. 'hosticus' for 'hostilis,' 3. 2. 6.

2. **vitia**, 'crimes.'

modos = 'rationes,' its shifting phases, now on land, now on sea, &c.

3. **ludum Fortunae**, Od. 3. 29. 50, 1. 2. 37.

gravis principum amicitias, cp. Lucan, 1. 84 'Tu causa malorum, Facta tribus dominis communis Roma, nec umquam In turbam missi feralia foedera regni. O male concordēs!' &c. It must not be applied to the triumvirate of Octavianus, Antony, and Lepidus, of which Horace would not speak in such terms.

5. **nondum expiatis**, Od. 1. 2. 29.

uncta, Epod. 5. 19.

cruoribus, plural of quantity, Od. 2. 14. 25, Virg. Aen. 4. 687.

6. **aleae**, of hazards which no prudence can foresee. Horace's object is not to discourage Pollio, but to exalt the value of the difficult task which he is performing.

7. **ignis . . . doloso**, metaphorical, of any dangerous business. Callim. 46. 2 πῦρ ὑπὸ τῇ σποδίῃ, Prop. 1. 5. 5 'ignotos vestigia ferre per ignis.'

9. **severae**, 'solemn,' 'stately.' Cp. Aristotle's epithets of Tragedy and its subjects, σπουδαῖος, σεμνός.

11. **ordinaris**, 'set in order' after the Greek συντάττειν, of composition. Cp. ἀνατάξασθαι, St. Luke i. 1. This is the Scholiast's interpretation; but before Bentley the other commentators took it to mean, according to a common poetical figure, 'tell of the settlement of' the State. Orelli's objection to this seems to be forcible, that it would imply Pollio's approval of Augustus' policy more distinctly than Horace appears to intend.

12. **Cecropio cothurno**. For the abl. cp. v. 16 'Delmatico triumpho,' and 2. 7. 16 'fretis aestuosis,' and see on 1. 6. 2 and 3. 5. 5. The relation is of the nature of those classed together as the 'ablative absolute'; i.e. the adjective is predicative, and it is not the substantive alone, but the substantive and adjective together which constitute the circumstance which justifies or limits the main statement. Pollio's occupation is a 'lofty calling,' because the 'buskin' which he wears is that of the Attic stage.

14. **consulenti**, absol. 'in its counsels.' Like 'maestis,' it describes the time at which Pollio's services would be most needed.

Pollio. There seems to be force in the reservation of Pollio's name for this place, when our interest has been roused for the forthcoming history, 'the history written,' Horace would say, 'not by a bystander, but by the great orator, statesman, warrior.' Compare a more evident instance of art in the collocation of a name, in the conclusion of Od 1. 2.

curiae, 'the senate.' Cp. Od. 3. 5. 7.

16. **Delmatico**, Virg. E. 8. 6 foll. Pollio was sent by Antony against the Parthini, an Illyrian tribe who had espoused the cause of Brutus and Cassius. He defeated them, and took their chief town, Salonae. For the ablative see above on v. 12.

19. **fugaces**, pred. 'scares them till they would fain fly.'

20. **equitum vultus**, compare Plutarch Caes. 45 (in the account of the battle of Pharsalia) οὐ γὰρ ἡνείχοντο τῶν ὑσσῶν ἀναφερομένων οὐδ' ἐτόλμων ἐν ὀφθαλμοῖς τὸν σίδηρον ὀρῶντες, ἀλλ' ἀπαιστρέφοντο καὶ συνεκαλύπτοντο φειδόμενοι τῶν προσώπων.

21. **audire...duces**, 'to hear you reading of chiefs,' &c. Others take it of hearing the voices of the chiefs haranguing or giving command in the battle. Both interpretations are as old as Acron. The latter would suit better with the preceding stanza; but there would be a harsh zeugma in the use of 'audire,' which, with 'cuncta terrarum subacta,' must mean 'to hear of'; and although 'non indecoro pulvere sordidos' may refer only to the dust and heat of battle (Od. 1. 6. 14 'pulvere Troico Nigrum Merionen'), not to biting the ground in death, yet if 'audire' means 'to hear them speaking,' we should certainly have expected an epithet for 'duces,' which should appeal to the ear rather than to the eye. Bentley felt this difficulty, and wished to read, in despite of the MSS., 'videre.' The *point*, which Orelli desiderates in our interpretation of the verse, is possibly given by the fact (recorded by the elder Seneca, Controv. 4 Praef.), that 'recitation' by an author of his compositions, was a novel practice introduced by Pollio himself.

23. **cuncta terrarum**, Od. 4. 4. 76 'acuta belli'; 4. 12. 19 'amara curarum'; Madv. § 284. obs. 3 n.

subacta, sc. a Caesare.

24. **atrocem**, 'stubborn.' Silius, 6. 378, of Regulus, 'Atrox illa fides.'

Catonis, Od. 1. 12. 35 'Catonis nobile letum.' The mention of Cato's death, and the final overthrow of the Pompeians at Thapsus, suggest the thought that Jugurtha is avenged in the Roman blood shed on African soil. Similarly, and perhaps with remembrance of this passage, Lucan 4. 788 foll. 'Excitet invisae dirae Carthaginis umbras Inferiis Fortuna novis: ferat ista cruentus Hannibal et Poeni tam dira piacula Manes.' Orelli reminds us that the impression which Jugurtha's cruel death (see on Od. 2. 13. 18) had made on the Romans, had been revived by Sallust's history.

25. **Iuno**, Virg. Aen. 1. 15. The Roman poets represent Juno as a special patroness of Africa, identifying her with the Phoenician goddess Astarte.

26. **cesserat**. So Virgil of the gods of the conquered city, Aen. 2. 351 'Excessere omnes adytis arisque relictis Di quibus imperium hoc steterat.' Cp. the story of the destruction of Jerusalem, Tac. Hist. 5. 13 'Expertae repente delubri fores, et audita maior humana vox, excedere deos; simul ingens motus excedentium.'

impotens, powerless to save their land from Rome.

29. **pinguior**, Virg. G. 1. 491 'sanguine nostro Emathiam et latos Haemi pinguescere campos.'

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30. *sepulcris*, the barrows that marked battlefields (ib. 493-497).
 31. *auditumque Medis*. There seem to be two ideas conveyed; one of the mighty crash of the empire in the West heard in the extreme East, the other of the shame that barbarians should witness the catastrophe of Rome. Cp. Od. 3. 5. 39.
 34. *Daunia*, 'Apulian' for 'Roman.' See on Od. 1. 22. 14 and 3. 5. 9.
 37-40. Cp. 1. 6. 17 foll., 3. 3. 69, 3. 5. 55, Introd. to Books i-iii, § 12.
 37. *ne . . . retractes . . . quaere*. For the construction see on 1. 33. 1.
 38. *retractes*, take up the task which Simonides of Ceos (cp. 4. 9. 7) left unfinished.
munera, as 'grande munus,' supr. v. 11.
neniae, *θρήνον*, 'maestius lacrymis Simonideis,' Catull. 38. 8.
 39. *Dionaeo*, the grot of Venus, where the songs will be of love; so called from Dione, Venus' mother. Virg. E. 9. 47 'Dionaei Caesaris.'
 40. *leviore plectro*, opposed to Od. 4. 2. 33 'maiore plectro.' Cp. 2. 13. 26 (of Alcaeus' style) 'aureo plectro'; Ov. Met. 10. 150 'cecini plectro graviore gigantas, nunc opus est leviores lyra.' The 'plectrum' was a little bar, usually of gold or ivory, with which the player touched the strings of the lyre.

ODE II

'WEALTH has no value save to use well: used as Procleius used it, it wins immortal fame. To tame the spirit of avarice is more than to own the world. Avarice is like the thirst of dropsy, which grows by indulgence. Virtue calls him alone happy, him alone the true king, who has subdued the love of money.'

That the Ode is addressed to Sallustius is enough to show that there could be no danger of the world's applying its doctrine to him.

The little we know of him is chiefly derived from Tacitus, Ann. 3. 30, where his death in A.D. 26 is recorded: 'Crispum, equestri loco, C. Sallustius rerum Romanarum florentissimus auctor, sororis nepotem, in nomen adscivit. Atque ille quanquam prompto ad capessendos honores aditu, Maecenatem aemulatus, sine dignitate senatoria multos triumphalium consulariumque potentia anteit, diversus a veterum instituto per cultum et munditias copiaque et adfluentia luxu propior. Suberat tamen vigor animi negotiis par, eo acrior quo somnum et inertiam magis ostentabat. Igitur incolumi Maecenate proximus, mox praecipuus cui secreta imperatorum inniterentur, et interficiendi Postumi Agrippae conscius, aetate provecta speciem magis in amicitia principis quam vim tenuit.' Pliny (N. H. 34. 2) mentions that the Sallust family

possessed copper mines in the Tarentaise ('Centronum tractu'), and it has been suggested that this gave a special point to the first stanza, 'As you know from your experience of ore.' The true person of the Ode, however, is Proculeius, the example of the right use of wealth—and he (see note on vv. 5-8) was the brother-in-law of Maecenas and the friend of the Emperor—so that the Ode becomes a compliment to them.

1-4. 'As silver has no brightness while it is still in the mine, so wealth only acquires its value by the uses it is put to.' In the first line and a half we have the allegory, its application helped by the epithet 'avaris,' which suggests the miser's hoards as the parallel for the useless ore; in the remainder of the stanza we have the application, but still clothed, with the exception of 'temperato,' in terms metaphorical, taken from the allegory ('lamnae,' 'splendeat'). See notes on I. 35. 19, 4. 2. 5-8, 4. 4. 59.

2. *abdito terris*, as Od. 3. 3. 49 'aurum irrepertum . . . cum terra celat.' Much of the force of the stanza is lost if we take it with the Scholiast of the miser's treasure, 'qui defosso incubat auro,' Sat. I. 1. 41.

lamnae, the unwrought bar into which the ore was first run. Bentley pointed out that the construction is 'inimice lamnae nisi splendeat,' not as it had been strangely taken, 'nullus argento color est nisi splendeat.' For the syncopated form see on Od. I. 36. 8.

3. *Crispe Sallusti*. For this inversion of the family and the gentile name cp. 'Hirpine Quinti,' Od. 2. 11. 2; 'Fuscus Aristius,' Sat. I. 9. 61. In A. P. 371 there is an inversion of 'nomen' and 'praenomen,' 'Cascellius Aulus.' Such change of order, where the full names are not formally given, is found in Cicero occasionally, chiefly in the Letters, but see de Senect. 14. 48 'Turpione Ambivio.' It becomes common in the later writers.

4. *usu* seems to apply primarily to the brightening of genuine metal by handling (*λάμπει γὰρ ἐν χρεΐαισιν ὥσπερ ἐκπρεπῆς χάλκος*, Soph. Fr. 742, quoted by Ritter); secondarily and metaphorically, to the right use of money. In the epithet 'temperato,' on the contrary, the moral sense is the predominant one.

5-8. An instance of the wisely directed use of which he speaks. Acron's note is, 'Proculeius qui pius sic erga fratres suos Scipionem et Murenam fuit ut cum spoliatis bello civili patrimonium suum de integro divideret,' in which 'Scipionem' has been ingeniously altered by Estré to 'Caepionem,' the name of the person who suffered with Murena for a conspiracy against Augustus in B. C. 22. There is no reason, however, from any other authority, to suppose that the two were brothers. It may perhaps be doubted whether Horace's words necessarily imply that Proculeius had more than one brother: the plural generalizes. That he was the brother (or cousin, for this doubt always besets the words 'frater' and ἀδελφός) of Murena (Od. 3. 19. 11, Sat. I. 5. 38), the 'Licinius' of Od. 2. 10,

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and the brother of Maecenas' wife Terentia, we know from Dion 54. 3. Proculeius was high in Augustus' favour; so much so, that he is named as one of the persons to whom at different times the emperor had thought of marrying his daughter Julia (Tac. Ann. 4. 40). Juvenal (7. 94) couples him with Maecenas as a patron of literature.

5. **vivet extento aevo**, 'shall live beyond the term of life.' Cp. Virg. Aen. 10. 468 'breve et irreparabile tempus Omnibus est vitae; sed famam extendere factis Hoc virtutis opus.'

6. **notus animi**, imitated by Statius Theb. 2. 274 'noti operum.' The Greek gen. of relation avoids the awkwardness of a preposition, 'notus propter' or 'ob.' With 'in fratres paterni' cp. Od. 4. 4. 27 'paternus In pueros animus Neronēs.' Cp. also Cic. Rosc. Am. 16. 46 'animus patrius in liberos.'

7. **aget**, 'will carry on his way,' will not allow him to fail, as he 'volitat vivus per ora virum.'

metuente solvi, 'that dare not droop,' 'is shy of drooping.' Od. 3. 11. 10, 4. 5. 20. Virgil had the expression first, G. 1. 246 'Arctos metuētis aequore tingi.'

solvi, like Virgil's 'solvi membra,' λύεσθαι; or possibly, as Ritter suggests, with a remembrance of Icarus' fate, whose wings were fastened with wax and melted in the sun. Cp. in a similar metaphorical description of posthumous fame, 'Daedaleo notior Icaro,' Od. 2. 20. 13.

9. **latius regnes**. In the following stanzas Horace is thinking of the Stoic paradox, that the wise man is king. Cp. Sat. 1. 3. 125, 136, Epp. 1. 1. 107, &c., Sen. Thyest. 334 foll. 'Regem non faciunt opes,' &c.

10-12. 'Than if your property stretched into the far South and West, so as to unite in one sway Carthage and its Spanish colonies.' Gades was one of these. The expression should be compared with Od. 3. 16. 31, 41 'Fulgentem imperio fertilis Africae,' 'Mygdoniis regnum Alyattei Campis continuem.' Horace is not speaking in either case of proconsulships, but of the 'latifundia' (see on Od. 1. 1. 9), which were one of the favourite means of investing and acquiring wealth. Seneca expands this as other Horatian metaphors, Epp. 89 'Hoc quoque parvum est nisi latifundiis vestris maria cinxistis: nisi trans Hadriam et Ionium Aegaeumque vester vilicus regnet . . . sit fundus quod aliquando imperium vocabatur.' In both passages of Horace the metaphor of royalty is suggested by the context—here by 'latius regnes' and the allusion to Phraates, in 3. 16 by 'dominus splendidior' and 'vectigalia.'

11. **et**, 'and so.' Dill^r. draws attention to the consecutive force of 'et,' as almost equal to 'ita ut.' Cp. 1. 3. 8, 4. 13. 10.

13. **indulgens sibi**, 'by indulging itself,' i. e. its own feverish thirst.

hydrops, 'the dropsy.' It is properly the subject of 'crescit,' but it is made also the subject of 'indulgens' and 'pellit,' the actions of the sick man being attributed to his malady.

14. *nec sitim . . . languor*, 'drinking increases the disease; it cannot quench the thirst till the malady which causes the thirst is gone, and with it the other symptoms.' The application of the analogy is evident. Cp. 3. 16. 17 'Crescentem sequitur cura pecuniam. Maiorumque fames.' Ovid reproduces the comparison, *Fast.* 1. 212 'quum possideant plurima plura petunt: Sic quibus intumuit suffusa venter ab unda Quo plus sunt potae plus sitiuntur aquae.'

nisi . . . venis. They speak of drinking as though it immediately filled the veins, *Sat.* 2. 4. 25 'vacuis committere venis Nil nisi lene decet'; of thirst as though it were felt in the veins, *Virg. G.* 3. 482 'venis omnibus acta sitis.' So the meaning is, 'no pouring into the veins will cure the thirst; there is something that must be got rid of out of them—some inner malady in the recesses of the body.'

15. *aquosus languor*, 'the faintness caused by the water.'

17. *redditum Cyri solio*, cp. 3. 29. 27 'regnata Cyro Bactra.' It is the most distinct enunciation of that identity of the Parthian with the Persian monarchy which Horace assumes elsewhere. See on *Od.* 1. 2. 22. For the historical event referred to see *Introd.* to Books i-iii, § 8.

19. *Virtus*, the personified judgement of a virtuous man, as in *Sat.* 1. 3. 42.

20. *dedocet*, 'would fain unteach the people to use names falsely.'

21, 22. *tutum, propriam*, predicative, a diadem and a laurel crown that cannot be taken away again. Cp. 3. 2. 17-20.

23. *oculo irretorto*, 'who can see huge treasure-heaps, and never turn to look again.'

24. *acervos*, more fully in *Epp.* 1. 2. 47 'aeris acervus et auri.'

ODE III

'LET the thought of death moderate both repining in trouble and exultation in prosperity. Enjoy yourself while you may, for death is at hand, for rich and noble as well as for poor and humbly born.'

Some little doubt hangs over the name of the person to whom these counsels of Epicureanism are addressed. The old Blandinian MS. gave it as 'Gellius.' Cruquius identifies him with L. Gellius Publicola, the brother (half brother through their mother, or brother by adoption, according to different theories) of Messalla (*Od.* 3. 21. 7), and consul B. C. 36.

Dellius (as the other good MSS. and the MSS. of Acr. and Porph. write the name) would no doubt be Q. Dellius, who had changed sides so often that Messalla is said to have nicknamed him 'Desultor bellorum civilium.' Kiessling points out that Seneca

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(de Clem. 1. 10) ranks him with Sallustius as among the first to reconcile themselves to Augustus.

It is worth noting, as an illustration of Horace's way of placing his poems, that this Epicurean Ode follows the Stoicism of the preceding one, just as Epp. 1. 16, in which he preaches Stoic morality, stands between 1. 15, in which he likens himself to the Epicurean Maenius, and 1. 17, in which he gives cynical advice to Scaeva. Cp. the sequence of the tenth and eleventh Odes of this book.

1. *aequam . . . arduis*. There is probably some slight feeling of the verbal antithesis, 'when life's path is steep (*ἀνάγτης*) let your mind at least be on a level.'

3. *insolenti*, a word of the schools: 'extravagant joy' was forbidden to a philosopher, Cic. Tusc. 5. 14. 42 'quem temperantia . . . insolenti alacritate gestire non sinat.'

5. *seu . . . seu* depend on 'moriture,' 'for that thou must soon die, whether thy life has been sad or merry.' With the emphatic position of 'moriture' cp. Od. 1. 28. 6.

6. *remoto*, 'retired,' 'quiet'; cp. Epod. 2. 23-28.

per dies festos, 'per' might denote either 'through the entire day' as 'per brumam,' Epp. 1. 11. 19, or 'on each holiday,' as 'per exactos annos,' Od. 3. 22. 6. It is opposed to the life of unbroken sadness ('*omni tempore*'), and means 'miss no opportunity of merriment.'

8. *interiore nota*, the brand of the innermost, and so the earliest-filled bin. The 'amphora' itself was branded or a label was attached to it with the name of the wine and of the consul in whose year it was bottled; 'patriam titulumque,' Juv. S. 5. 33. Cp. 'nota Falerni,' Sat. 1. 10. 24.

9-11. *quo . . . quid*, 'to what purpose? why?' 'to what purpose but that you may make merry in the shade?' For 'quo' the Edd. compare Virg. E. 6. 23 'Quo vincula nectitis?' For the change of conjunction Ov. Met. 13. 516 'Quo ferrea resto? quidve moror?' This is the reading of the best MSS., and of Porph.; but there are some signs of disturbance in the MSS., and there is not Horace's full point in the rhetorical questions. Relative local adverbs to match 'huc' in v. 13, are more what we should look for. A good many MSS. offer 'quo,'—'quo,' which might be taken in that way, 'hither, to the spot whither the boughs stretch out and the stream hurries down.' The Schol. in the second clause read some word which they took to mean 'why?' for they annotate 'subaudiendum, si ea non utimur'; but they may have been interpreting 'quo,' and it may be the fact that 'quo' admitted of this interpretation which led to its corruption to 'quid.' But 'quo' is metrically indefensible, in spite of Epod. 5. 100, and 'quo et,' the only possible alternative offered by MSS., has the air of an emendation.

9. *alba*, as 'candida populus,' Virg. E. 9. 41. The double contrast between the slighter poplar white in the wind and the gloom

of the heavier pine is indicated, after Horace's manner, by one epithet with each of the pair of substantives, see on 3. 4. 46, 47, 3. 13. 7, 4. 4. 10. For his notice of colour cp. Od. 1. 21. 7, 8 'Nigris aut Erymanthi Silvis aut viridis Cragi'; 1. 25. 17, 18 'hedera virente . . . pulla myrto.'

10. **hospitalem**, Virg. G. 4. 24 'Obviaque hospitibus teneat frondentibus arbos.'

amant, rather on account of the charm of the place or for the pleasure of shading the revellers, than (as Orelli takes it) as though the boughs themselves were lovers. 'Amare' is used by Horace and other Graecising Latin writers in imitation of φιλεῖν, but it rarely, if ever, attains the colourless or unconsciously idiomatic force of the original.

11. **laborat trepidare**, App. 2, § 1, 'frets in its haste to escape down its tortuous channel.' Contrast the water which (Epp. 1. 10. 21) 'per pronum trepidat cum murmure rivum.'

13. **brevis**, Od. 1. 36. 16 'breve lilium.' Here the epithet is in point, for the roses are types of the pleasures of life that must be snatched quickly, so that it has the force of 'ere they be withered.'

15. **res**, 'patrimonium,' Schol. Probably so, rather than with Orelli, 'tota vitae condicio.' There is no fear, Orelli says, that Dellius' fortune should prove inadequate. But he may lose it, and, at any rate, it is only his for a short time, 'Cedet coemptis saltibus.'

aetas, Od. 1. 9. 17 'donec virenti canities abest morosa.' The three conditions are summed up in 2. 11. 16 'dum licet.'

17. **coemptis saltibus**, Epp. 2. 2. 177 'Calabris saltibus adiecti Lucani.' They are pasture grounds; see on Od. 1. 31. 5, and cp. 2. 16. 33.

domo, the city house, opp. to 'villa,' the house in the country or suburbs.

18. **flavus**, the habitual epithet helps the sense of use and wont, 'you must leave all you know so well.'

lavit. Horace prefers this, the older form, in the Odes; cp. 3. 4. 61, 3. 12. 2, 7, 4. 6. 26. In the Epp. and Sat. he uses also the first conjugation, as Sat. 1. 3. 137, Epp. 1. 6. 61.

19. **exstructis in altum**, 'piled up so high,' construction as 'ad plenum,' Od. 1. 17. 15.

21. **Inacho**. This mythical king of Argos seems to have stood as a representative of the most remote antiquity, cp. 3. 19. 1 'Quantum distat ab Inacho Codrus.' So, of an ancient lineage, Juv. S. 8. 46 'Ast ego Cecropides.' 'It makes no difference whether you pass your little span of life as a man of wealth and mythical lineage or in poverty and humble station, seeing that you are the doomed victim of Orcus, who shows no pity to any.'

23. **sub divo**, ὑπ' αἰθέρι, Aesch. Eum. 373. Virgil's 'aura aetheria vesci.'

moreris, as though every year of life was a delaying of the natural departure.

24. **victima**. For a fuller carrying out of the metaphor see Od. 1. 28. 20 n.

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25. *cogimur*, of gathering the flock to the fold, Virg. E. 3. 98, &c. Cp. Od. 1. 24. 18 'nigro compulerit Mercurius gregi.'

26. *urna*, Od. 3. 1. 16 'aequa lege Necessitas Sortitur insignes et imos; Omne capax movet urna nomen.'

28. *cumbae*, dative after 'impositura,' 'to place us on board the bark for the banishment from which none returns.' 'Cumba' is said to be the form preferred when the boat of Charon is meant.

ODE IV

'No need to blush, Xanthias, though you love a slave girl. Achilles had his Briseis, and Ajax his Tecmessa; even Agamemnon, the conqueror of Troy, could not withstand Cassandra. Who knows but Phyllis too is some born princess: one so constant and so indifferent to money can spring from no vulgar stock. Nay, don't suspect my praises, I am close on forty.'

We can hardly be wrong in supposing that, with the exception of her pretty face and figure, the praises of Phyllis are meant to be interpreted ironically. The mock heroic tone of the list of precedents (cp. Od. 1. 16, *Introd.*, and *Epod.* 3), the '*regium certe*,' and the contempt implied for her real birth, '*scelestas plebes*,' might be merely playful; but considering the topics of praise, '*sic fidelem*, *sic lucro aversam*,' there is hardly feeling enough in their expression, standing as they do between the levity of stanzas 4 and 6, to redeem the playfulness from the sting of irony.

And possibly the Ode refers to some real person, although the name be fictitious. The irony would be wasted on a shadow; and there is a definiteness both in the name of the 'Phocian' Xanthias and in the introduction of Horace's own personality (stanza 6), which is more dramatic than is usual in the purely imaginary Odes. It is undoubtedly Horace's way to add a local designation to fictitious characters: 'Cnidius Gyges,' Od. 2. 5. 20; 'Liparaei nitor Hebri,' 3. 12. 6. In some cases, as in 'Thurini Calais filius Ornyti,' 3. 9. 14, the appearance of complete identification is strongly in point, and in all the object probably was to give a greater semblance of reality. The purpose here is the less easy to imagine, from the fact that the name is addressed to Xanthias himself, not used by way of identifying him to others. If the lover of the Ode was a real person, there may of course be some play in the name, of which the point is lost to us. Orelli suggests that 'Xanthias' may be chosen to cover a Roman 'Flavius,' cp. Od. 3. 15. 11, where he thinks 'Nothus' may represent a real 'Spurius.' Ritter imagines a Greek resident in Rome, and, comparing Od. 1. 27. 10 '*Megillae frater Opuntiae*,' ingeniously suggests that the person there rallied is none other than Xanthias, and that the 'Phyllis' of this Ode is the 'Charybdis' of that.

The composition of the Ode is fixed by v. 24 to the end of Horace's fortieth year, B. C. 25.

1. **Ne sit.** See on Od. I. 33. 1.

2. **prius**, 'before you,' 'you are not the first.'

insolentem, according to the character assigned to him in A. P. 122 'Iura neget sibi nata, nihil non arroget armis'; so he was less likely to stoop to a slave girl. Notice the antithetical placing of the words throughout, 'insolentem serva,' 'captive dominum,' 'fessis leviora,' 'Pergama Grais.'

6. **Tecmessae.** Orelli recalls Soph. Aj. 211 ἐπεί σε λέχος δονριά-
λων | στέρξας ἀνέχει θούριος Αἴας. Tecmessa is unknown to Homer.

7. **arsit.** There seems to be a play in the word, 'He was fired by her as he had fired Troy'; cp. Epod. 14. 13 'si non pulchrior ignis Accendit obsessam Ilion.'

8. **rapta**, 'captive.' Hom. Il. 22. 62 υἱὰς τ' ὀλλυμένους ἐλκηθείσας τε θύγατρας. Compare the scene in Virg. Aen. 2. 403 foll. 'Ecce trahebatur passis Priameia Virgo Crinibus a templo Cassandra,' &c. There is an antithesis between 'medio in triumpho' and 'virgine rapta'; 'capta victorem cepit.' It is this feeling which gives its point to the next stanza. 'When the warriors had fallen and the citadel of Troy was an easy prey to its foes, then a captive maid vanquished the great conqueror.'

9. **barbarae.** See on Epp. I. 2. 7, and Epod. 9. 6.

10. **Thessalo**, as in Od. I. 10. 15 'Thessalos ignis,' i.e. the watch-fires of Achilles.

victore, the abl. absol.; see on I. 6. 1 and 2. 1. 12.

ademptus Hector, cp. I. 37. 13 'minuit furorem Vix una sospes navis,' but the construction which attributes the action more personally to Hector is intentionally chosen, as though by his death he was the very traitor who opened the walls of Troy to the foe. Cp. Virg. Aen. 4. 17 'Postquam primus amor deceptam morte fefellit.'

11. **fessis**, Virg. Aen. 2. 108 foll. It gives the sense of 'at last,' when the obstacles to victory had been overcome. The dative goes grammatically either with 'tradidit' or with 'leviora tolli,' in feeling with the latter; for the constr. 'leviora tolli,' see App. 2, § 2.

leviora, perhaps with a remembrance of Hom. Il. 22. 287 καὶ κεν ἐλαφρότερος πόλεμος Τρώεσσι γένοιτο | σείο καταφθιμένοι: but 'leviora' and 'tollī' probably match and make one metaphor.

13. **nescias an**, an extension of the common 'nescio an' in its Ciceronian sense, 'I am not sure, but nearly so.' 'You may be pretty sure auburn Phyllis has parents among the great,' &c.

15. **regium genus**, after 'maeret.' 'Her tears are surely for some royal ancestry and the unkindness of her home gods,' who suffered her to fall in the world.

17. **de plebe**, a tertiary predicate with **dilectam**. 'Believe that in her thou hast not loved one from the rabble crowd.' Bentley interprets 'dilectam' as = 'selectam.' It is true that here, as often, though not always, 'diligere' retains its force of 'to love pre-

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eminently,' 'to choose for love'; 'dilectam Cypron,' 'Cyprus of thy choice'; compare Od. 2. 5. 17.

21. *teretes*, 'well-turned,' 'shapely.'

23. *octavum lustrum*. Horace's fortieth year ended on Dec. 8, B.C. 25. The 'lustrum' was properly the sacrifice performed by the censor after completing the quinquennial census. Horace recalls, but avoids the technical phrase 'condere lustrum,' Liv. 1. 44. For the inf. 'claudere' see Ap. 2, § 1.

trepidavit, the stream has run quickly; cp. 'curret aetas,' Od. 2. 5. 13.

ODE V

'LALAGE is not old enough for your advances. Let her be a child a little longer. Have patience, she will come to you by and by, and return the love greater than you ever gave to Pholoe or Chloris.'

'Incertum est quem alloquatur hac Ode utrum amicorum aliquem an se ipsum,' Acr. Even if it be a soliloquy, the poet may be addressing himself in an assumed character, as e. g. in Od. 3. 12. The Zürich MS. of the tenth century (τ) has the inscription 'Ad Gabinium.' The Ode has nothing either to gain or lose by being supposed to have had reference to any real persons.

The main image of the Ode is one, as Dill^r. says, 'in antiquitate usitata, a nostris moribus aliena.'

5. *circa est*, 'is occupied with,' cp. the Greek phrases *εἶναι περί τι*, *ἔχειν ἀμφί τι*.

6. *fluviis*, Virg. Aen. 7. 494, 495.

10. *immitis uvae*, *ῥμφακος*, according to the epigram (Brunck 3. 164) *ῥμφαξ οὐκ ἐπένευσας, ὅτ' ἦς σταφύλη παρεπέμψω*.

lividos, of the dull blue of the grapes just beginning to turn.

11, 12. *distinguet . . . colore*. Is this merely the effect of Horace's collocation, 'streak the bunches with purple,' 'varius,' the epithet of autumn, 'the motley-coloured,' being placed between those words which most recall the character which the epithet expresses? or does he, while meaning 'distinguet purpureo colore,' allow 'purpureo colore' as a matter of grammar and primary sense, to go rather with 'varius' as a description of personified Autumn 'streaked with purple dyes,' like Epod. 2. 18 'decorum mitibus pomis caput Autumnus agris extulit'?

13. *ferox aetas*. 'Her time of life makes her shy, and time is flying.' To the rest of the sentence, 'aetas,' in its general sense, alone is the subj.; the epithet has no further relation to it. Cp. Od. 1. 21. 7, 8 'nigris aut Erymanthi silvis aut viridis Cragi,' and 3. 23. 15, where 'parvos' is the epithet of 'Deos,' so long as they are the obj. of 'coronantem,' not when they are the obj. of

'temptare.' Dillr., however, follows Mitsch. in taking 'ferox' of the flight of time, 'like an unbroken horse,' as Ov. Fast. 6. 772 'fugiant freno non remorante dies.'

14. **dempserit . . . apponet**, a ground for not being impatient. 'If you are losing the years fast, she is gaining them as fast.' Each fresh year of life is a year added or a year taken away, according to our point of view. Compare the double phrase by which Horace expresses the lapse of time in Od. 3. 30. 5 'annorum series et fuga temporum.' So Seneca de Cons. ad Marc. 20 'Quo quisque primum lucem vidit iter mortis ingressus est, accessitque fato propior; et illi ipsi qui adiciebantur adolescentiae anni vita detrahebantur.' Cp. Soph. Aj. 475 παρ' ἡμᾶρ ἡμέρα . . . προσθείσα κἀναθείσα τοῦ γε καταναεῖν. To the impatient lover time seems to be robbing him of year after year, and to be making no difference to Lalage, to be 'galloping' with him while it 'crawls' or stands still with her, cp. Epp. 1. 1. 20 foll. Such expressions as A. P. 175 'anni venientes, recedentes' (cp. Od. 2. 11. 5), Soph. Trach. 547 ὁρῶ γὰρ ἥβην τὴν μὲν ἔρπουσαν πρόσω, | τὴν δὲ φθίνουσαν are not in point. They refer not to different ways of viewing the same time, but to different epochs of life. They suppose an ἀκμή, a definite point to which life ascends and from which it descends. Horace does not mean here to represent his lover as going down the hill of life.

15. **proterva fronte**, a return to the metaphor of stanzas 1, 2.

17. **dilecta**, sc. 'a te.' 'Lalage, whom you love with a passion you never felt for any other.' His pre-eminent love for Lalage is the measure both of the happiness for which he is bidden to wait and of the impatience with which he waits for it.

Pholoe fugax, see on Od. 1. 33. 6 'asperam Pholoen.' Her flight is one which attracts pursuit, 'fugit ad salices et se cupit ante videri.'

17-20. **non, non, ve**, cp. Od. 2. 9. 1-6 'non,' 'aut,' 'nec,' 'aut.'

19. **pura**, Od. 3. 29. 45 'sole puro,' free from mist or cloud.

renidet, in what is its first sense, 'shines again'; Od. 2. 18. 2 'aureum . . . renidet lacunar'; Epod. 2. 65 'renidentis lares.'

22. **mire**, with 'falleret.'

hospites, strangers who came in.

ODE VI

'SEPTIMIUS, my dear friend who would accompany me to the ends of the earth, let me spend the end of my life at Tibur, or if not there, then at Tarentum. Let us go there together and live there till I die.'

Septimius has been naturally supposed to be the same person whom Horace introduces to Tiberius in Epp. 1. 9. He may also probably be the common friend of the poet and the emperor named in the letter of Augustus preserved in the Suetonian life of Horace.

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For the Scholiast's, probably wrong, identification of him with Titius, the Pindaric poet on Tiberius's staff, see on Epp. 1. 3. 9.

Some difficulty has always been felt as to the period in Horace's life in which he could with any propriety describe himself as 'tired of travelling and campaigning' (v. 7), and these words have been made a ground for placing the Ode at a date earlier than 31 B.C. (see *Intro. to Books i-iii*, § 2). Mr. A. Platt, in the *Journal of Philology*, No. 41, has made a suggestion which, on this and other grounds, seems very worthy of consideration. It has always been assumed that the opening of the Ode is an imitation of Catullus 11. 1 foll.

'Furi et Aureli, comites Catulli,
sive in extremos penetrabit Indos,
litus ut longe resonante Eoa
tunditur unda,'

where it will be seen that the parallelism goes to the end of the stanza. Mr. Platt points out that there are several difficulties in the way of this assumption. If it be true, it is the only instance in the Odes in which Horace imitates Catullus, whom otherwise he markedly ignores. On the other hand, the Ode of Catullus, if naturally interpreted, has an ironical and sarcastic tone which is absent from Horace. He suggests as the solution that both Catullus and Horace are independently adapting to their own purposes a Greek original—probably a Sapphic Ode of Alcaeus. This is his explanation of 'Sit modus lasso,' &c. It is only playfully applied to Horace. It was not he but Alcaeus who sang and suffered 'dura navis, dura fugae mala, dura belli!'

1-3. **Gadis . . . Cantabrum . . . Syrtis.** Dill^r. points out that the three places named represent distance ('remotis Gadibus,' 2. 2. 10) and danger, either of war or shipwreck. We may notice, perhaps, that they correspond also, though not in the same order, to the three things of which the poet professes to have had enough, 'maris, viarum, militiae.'

3. **barbaras Syrtis.** The coast is given a bad name not only for its dangers (see on Od. 1. 22. 6, where there is the same conjunction), but for the savageness of its inhabitants. Virg. Aen. 4. 41 'inhospita Syrtis.'

5. **Argeo**, Ἀργεῖον, as 'Lesbous' instead of the Latin form 'Lesbius,' Od. 1. 1. 34. For the historical reference see on Od. 1. 7. 13.

7. **maris et viarum**, Epp. 1. 11. 6 'odio maris atque viarum'; so 'viator' is opposed to 'navita,' Od. 3. 4. 32. The genitive seems to go both with 'lasso' (as Virg. Aen. 1. 178 'fessi rerum') and with 'modus,' see on Od. 1. 3. 6.

10. **pellitis**, Varro de R. R. 2. 2 explains this epithet, 'ovibus pellitis, quae propter lanae bonitatem ut sunt Tarentinae et Atticae pellibus integuntur, ne lana inquinetur.'

ovibus, dat. after 'dulce,' 'pleasant to the sheep.'

Galaesi, the 'niger Galaesus' of Virg. G. 4. 126, which flowed into the Gulf of Tarentum, a few miles from the city; see Liv. 25. 11.

11. **regnata**, Od. 3. 29. 27 'regnata Cyro Bactra'; Virg. Aen. 3. 14 'terra . . . regnata Lycurgo.' The legend of Phalanthus, who headed the insurrection of the Partheniae, and after its failure was allowed to lead a colony of them to Italy, where he seized and ruled Tarentum, is gathered from Justin 3. 4, and Strabo 6, p. 278 foll.

13. **terrarum**, with 'angulus,' as 'angulus mundi,' Prop. 4. 9. 65. 'The corner of the world' gives the idea of retirement, 'secessus litus amoeni.'

14. **ridet, ubi**. For the lengthening of the short syllable see on Od. 1. 3. 36.

15. **decedunt**, 'give way to,' 'are second to'; for a similar metaphor cp. Virg. G. 2. 97 'firmissima vina, Tmolus et assurgit quibus.' Cic. de Sen. 18. 63 enumerates the compliments paid to old age, 'salutari, appeti, decedi, assurgi.' For the Tarentine honey cp. Od. 3. 16. 33 'Calabrae apes.'

certat, with the dat. as in Epod. 2. 20 'certantem uvam purpurae'; so 'pugnare,' Sat. 1. 2. 73; 'luctari,' Od. 1. 1. 15.

16. **baca**, Sat. 2. 4. 69 'Pressa Venafranae quod baca remisit olivae.' Venafrum was an inland city in the north of Campania, in the valley of the Volturnus, and on the Via Latina. Cicero (pro Planc. 9. 22) speaks of the neighbourhood as very populous, 'tractus celeberrimus.' It is classed by Horace with Tarentum, as one of the places to which a Roman would go for a holiday, Od. 3. 5. 55.

17. **ver longum**, a mild winter and a cool summer: 'quas et mollis hyems et frigida temperat aestas,' Stat. Silv. 3. 5. 83.

18. **amicus fertili Baccho**. This was clearly read by Statius, who writes, Silv. 1. 2, 'Qua Bromio dilectus ager collisque per altos Uritur et prelis non invidet uva Falernis.' Bentley is displeased at the epithet 'fertili,' and accepting the reading 'fertilis,' which is found in several good MSS., and in Servius on Virg. Aen. 3. 553, alters 'amicus' to 'apricus.' But for 'fertili' = 'the giver of fertility,' cp. Ov. Met. 5. 642 'dea fertilis' of Ceres.

Aulon, 'felix vitibus Aulon,' Mart. 13. 125. 1; 'mons Calabriae,' Acr. The name, which is a common one, suggests rather a hollow between hills.

19. **minimum invidet**, 'invidet enim tantum qui inferior est,' Porph.

21. **beatae**, in the same sense as 'beata arva,' Epod. 16. 41, = 'fortunatae.'

22. **arces**, possibly of the towers of Tarentum, but in any case it is intended to suggest also the idea of a 'safe retreat,' a fortress that care cannot storm. Cp. his metaphor for his Sabine farm, 'ubi me in montes et in arcem ex urbe removi,' Sat. 2. 6. 16, and possibly the same idea in 'igneae arces,' Od. 3. 3. 10. It was the occurrence of the word in this passage probably that suggested the false reading 'Aulonisque arces' for 'Caulonis' in Virg. Aen. 3. 553.

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ibi, emphatic, repeating 'ille,' as 'tu . . . amici' repeats 'te mecum.' 'There *we* will live and there *I* will die.' 'Eleganti figura Septimium sibi superstitem fingit,' Porph.

calentem . . . favillam, of the solemn weeping at the pyre before the ashes were extinguished by the pouring of wine, 'adhuc vivente favilla,' Stat. Silv. 2. 1. 2. Cp. Virg. Aen. 6. 212-218, 11. 184-194, especially v. 191, and Tib. 3. 3, especially v. 25.

ODE VII

'WHAT, Pompeius at home again safe in limb and rights! Pompeius who shared with me the dangers and the snatched pleasures of the campaign under Brutus. After Philippi we separated. Mercury carried me off in safety, you were swept back again into the war. Surely you owe Jove a feast of thanksgiving. My lawn shall be the scene of the revel. Who would think of sobriety when a lost friend is found?'

'Ad Pompeium Varum,' Acr.; and so the Ode is inscribed in the oldest MSS. Nothing is known of Pompeius. He has been by some editors wrongly identified with Pompeius Grosphus, the rich owner of pastures in Sicily, Epp. 1. 12. 21, Od. 2. 16.

At what point of the civil war Pompeius abandoned it and availed himself of an offered amnesty, or what interval had elapsed since then, there is no indication. Horace writes as if he had heard nothing of his old friend for some years, and he has by this time a lawn of his own on which he can entertain a guest. The name of Pompeius suggests that he may have followed, after the battle of Philippi, the fortunes of Sextus Pompeius, who maintained the war by sea against the Triumvirs till the year B. C. 35.

I have noticed (Introd. to Odes i-iii, § 13) that Horace chooses this place in the middle of the Book which is the least political for the reminiscence of his boyish indiscretion and for his tribute to a lost cause.

1. *tempus in ultimum*, Catull. 64. 151 'supremum tempus'; 169 'extremum tempus,' 'utmost peril.' 'Tempus' = *καρπός*, a crisis, time of special import.

2. *deducte . . . duce*, perhaps (as Dill^r. and Ritter think) with a slight play on the two words, as though that were the point to which Brutus' leadership led them.

3. *quis redonavit?* merely a question of wonder, 'how came you here?' not intended to be answered by 'Maecenas' or 'Augustus.' This wonder at seeing Pompeius safe again is the thought which gives its unity to the poem. 'A god saved me, but I saw you carried back again into the stormy sea; what can have

rescued you? What limits can we set to our gratitude or to our rejoicing?' 'Redonare' is a word only found in Horace, see Od. 3. 3. 33.

Quiritem, 'a full Roman citizen'; 'capite non deminutum.' Dill^r., Orelli, Ritter. Conington in his Translation takes it as opp. to 'miles,' 'a man of peace,' supporting it by the story of Julius Caesar reducing the mutinous 10th legion to order by addressing them as 'Quirites,' the term implying that they were disbanded, Suet. Jul. 70.

5. **Pompei**. For the form cp. 'Vultei' (disyll.), Epp. 1. 7. 91. **prime**, 'praecipue,' Acr. Ritter would interpret it 'earliest,' objecting that Pompeius would not be ranked before Varius, Virgil, Maecenas, &c.; but Horace is thinking only of the old days of their acquaintance in the camp, when Pompeius may well have been the 'chiefest of his companions.'

6. **morantem fregi**, see on 1. 1. 20. This can hardly have been during the actual campaign in Macedonia, but it is probable that Horace, while in Brutus' army, was in Asia; see Milman's Life of Horace, p. 17, and Introd. to Sat. 1. 7, and Epp. 1. 11.

7. **coronatus nitentis**, 'with a garland on my hair glistening with Syrian perfume.' 'Dat et Malobathron Syria, arborem folio convoluto arido colore: ex quo exprimitur oleum ad unguenta,' Plin. N. H. 12. 59.

10. **non bene**; there is the same irony in the dimin. **parmula**, 'my poor little shield'; cp. Epod. 1. 16 'Imbellis ac firmus parum,' and contrast Epp. 1. 20. 23 'Me primis urbis belli placuisse domique.' That Horace should have been able playfully to impute cowardice to himself is enough, as Lessing pointed out, to prove that he had no fear that others would impute it to him. He is clearly thinking, as his Roman readers would have thought, of Alcaeus at Sigeum, Herod. 5. 95; see the lines of Alcaeus (Fr. 32 Bergk) conjecturally restored from Strabo 13. p. 600 *κάρυξ ἄγγελον μὲν ἔμοις ἐτάροισιν ἐν οἴκῳ | σὼς Ἀλκαῖος Ἀρη, | εἰτεα δ' οὐκ ἀνένεικον ἂ δὴ κτέρας ἐς Γλαυκώπῳ | ἱρον ἀνεκρέμασαν | Ἀττικοί*. Similar self-accusations are quoted from Archilochus, Fr. 5, and Anacreon, Fr. 27.

11. **cum fracta virtus**. Of his own share in the campaign the poet professes to remember only the stolen holidays of carousing, the dropped shield and flight; but this gives greater force to the few words in which he speaks of the fall of the cause for which he fought. He seems to say, 'What could I do when Manhood's self broke, and those who threatened so high bit the dust in defeat?' Horace heartily embraced the cause of Octavianus, and put his muse at his patron's service, but he was not expected to revile the party he had left, cp. 1. 12. 35. Orelli suggests that there is a reminiscence of Brutus' last words, *ὦ τλήμων ἀρετή, λόγος ἄρ' ἦσθ', ἐγὼ δέ σε | ὥς ἔργον ἥσκουν*, Dion 47. 49.

12. **turpe**, defeat is felt as disgrace, Od. 3. 2. 17 'repulsae sordidae.' From another point of view the poet may say 'dulce

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et decorum est,' 'non indecoro pulvere sordidos,' &c., but here he is only speaking of the contrast between the hopes and the event.

tetigere mento, probably the Homeric *πρηνέες ἐν κονίησιν ὁδᾶς λαζοῖατο γαῖαν*, Il. 2. 418, &c.

13. **sed me**, opposed to 'tecum,' v. 9. The 'sed' contrasts the separation of Horace's lot from that of Pompeius in this stanza with their union in the last.

Mercurius, the poet is a 'Mercurialis vir,' 2. 17. 29. Mercury carries him safely through the foe as he led Priam through the camp of Troy's enemies, 1. 10. 13 foll. Horace is thinking of the escape of Paris, Il. 3. 380, of Aeneas, 5. 344.

15. **resorbens unda**, the wave has thrown Horace high and dry, its down-draught carries back Pompeius into the deep water. See a similar image in Epp. 2. 2. 47 'Civilisque rudem belli tulit aestus in arma.'

16. **fretis aestuosis** seems to be one of Horace's ablatives absolute, see on 2. 1. 12, 'in that boiling surf.'

17. **ergo**, 'now, then.' It draws the conclusion of the whole review, but specially refers to the reason for thankfulness just suggested in the 'freta aestuosa' in which he had been a second time immersed.

obligatam, properly 'obligari' is said of the person, as in the next Ode, v. 5.

18. **latus**, see on 3. 27. 26.

19. **lauru mea**. Probably with a certain play, 'my bay tree,' the bay being the appurtenance of poets (Od. 3. 30. 16, cp. 3. 4. 18) as well as warriors (Od. 2. 2. 22). 'You haven't found the bay on the battle-field, come and look for it in the poet's peaceful garden.'

21. Horace fancies the banquet preparing, and issues orders to the servants, 'exple,' 'funde,' 'quis curat?' as in 2. 11. 18 foll., 3. 19. 22.

levia, Epp. 1. 5. 23 'cantharus et lanx Ostendant tibi te.' The eye as well as the palate is remembered in Horace's feast, the graceful shape of the cups, their shining surface, the glistening parsley.

22. **ciboria**, a large cup made to imitate the pod of the Egyptian bean (*colocasium*).

exple . . . capacibus, 'let there be plenty,' Epod. 9. 33 'Capaciores adfer huc, puer, scyphos.'

24. **deproperare**, 'to make with speed,' transitively, as 'properare,' Od. 3. 24. 62, Epp. 1. 3. 28, Virg. G. 4. 171.

25. **curatve**. For the position of 've' see on Od. 1. 30. 6.

Venus arbitrum dicet bibendi, see on 1. 4. 18 'regna vini sortiere talis.' 'Venus' was the highest throw of the four 'tali,' *μηδενὸς ἀστραγάλου πειπόντος ἴσθ' σχήματι* (Lucian), as 'canis' (Prop. 4. 8. 45 'damnosi canes') was the worst, when all showed the same face. The 'tali,' originally knuckle-bones, marked only on four sides, are different from the six-sided dice ('tesserae,' *κύβοι*), of which three were used, the highest throw being three sixes, *τρίς ἑξ*, Aesch. Agam. 33.

27. **Edonis.** He is thinking rather of the Thracian orgies ('bacchabor') than of their reputation for excessive drinking (1. 27. 1), though the two things were really one.

28. **furere**, Od. 3. 19. 18 'Insanire iuvat'; 4. 12. 28 'dulce est desipere in loco.' They are probably from the Pseudo-Anacreon 3 *θέλω θέλω μανῆναι*.

ODE VIII

'No, Barine, if you ever suffered in the least degree for forswearing yourself, I would believe your oaths now; but you thrive on it, and only become the more beautiful and the more popular. The gods who ought to punish you only laugh. Fresh lovers crowd to you, and the old ones, in spite of your faithlessness, will not forsake you.'

The effect of this Ode, as following the seventh, is the same as that which has been noticed in the sequence of Od. 1. 11, 12, 13; 1. 37, 38. See *Introd. to Odes i-iii*, § 12.

1-5. Dill^r. points out the art which is expended in the collocation of this stanza. The point is the contrast between the *little* he demands, brought out by the emphatic position of 'ulla,' 'umquam,' 'dente,' 'uno,' 'ungui,' and the *large* offer which he makes, brought out by the single unqualified 'crederem,' the equivalent, in a single word, for the whole stanzaful of offered conditions. For a similarly balanced sentence, see 3. 3. 30-33.

1. **iuris peierati**, an expression apparently coined by Horace for a 'false or broken oath' to follow the analogy of 'ius-iurandum.' Acr. vouches for the phrase 'ius iuratum,' but it does not seem to be found anywhere.

3. **uno**, with 'dente' as well as with 'ungui,' see on 1. 2. 1.

4. **turpior**, in point of grammar, goes with both ablatives, in point of sense it has more duty to discharge to that to which it is attached, as 'dente' has its special kind of deformity named.

6. **caput**. From the habit of swearing by the head, Virg. Aen. 9. 300, &c. The 'vota' are imprecations on herself if her promises should not be kept.

7. **iuvenum publica cura**, 'to break the hearts of all our youth.'

prodis, 'go abroad' (Od. 3. 14. 6), to seek and win admiration.

9. **expedit**, sc. 'tibi,' not a generalization. 'It is positive gain to you.'

10. **fallere**, 'to swear falsely by,' as Virg. Aen. 6. 324 'Di cuius iurare timent et fallere numen.' For such oaths the commentators compare Prop. 2. 20. 15 'Ossa tibi iuro per matris et ossa parentis; Si fallo, cinis heu sit mihi uterque gravis'; Virg. Aen. 6. 458 'per sidera iuro, Per superos, et si qua fides tellure sub ima est.'

taciturna, the epithet seems meant to suggest the awfulness of night, Epod. 5. 52.

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11. *gelida morte carentis*, sc. 'per deos immortalis.' As they cannot die, it is dangerous to swear falsely by them.

13-16. The very goddess of love, from whom the injured lover might look for redress; the Nymphs, for all their own guilelessness; Cupid, usually so terribly in earnest in making lovers feel—all only laugh at Barine's faithlessness.

15. *ardentis*, *πυρφόρος*.

16. *cruenta*, either 'that makes them draw blood,' or 'reddened with the blood of former victims.'

17, 18. *servitus crescit nova* explains the *tibi crescit* of the first clause. 'All that grow to manhood, grow to manhood to become thy slaves.' This is separated into two clauses. 'Servitus' = 'servi.'

ODE IX

'THE most continuous rains, the longest winters, end at last. Let not your grief for Mystes alone be unending, Valgius. Not even Nestor grieved inconsolably for the son of his old age, nor his parents and sisters for the blooming Troilus. 'Tis time to cease from wailings more womanly than theirs, and to sing of Caesar's triumphs.'

The Ode is addressed to C. Valgius Rufus, a poet whose elegies are referred to and quoted by Servius on Virg. E. 7. 22, and Aen. 11. 457. The scattered and doubtful hints which can be gleaned about him will be found in the Dict. Biog. He stands in Sat. 1. 10. 82 with Varius, Maecenas, Virgil, and the other select few for whose literary approbation Horace cares. The Scholiasts speak of him as a 'Consularis,' and the name occurs in the Consular Fasti, B.C. 12.

The date of this Ode should be fixed by vv. 18-24, but the references of these lines is a subject of controversy. They have been used as one of their chief arguments by those who put the publication of the Three Books as late as B.C. 19, being interpreted of the events of the year 20, when Augustus was himself in Asia and Tiberius under his orders advanced into Armenia (see Epp. 1. 12. 26-28).

The lines can hardly be disconnected from the passage in Virg. G. 3. 30 foll:—

'Addam urbes Asiae domitas pulsumque Niphaten
fidentemque fuga Parthum versisque sagittis;
et duo rapta manu diverso ex hoste tropaea
bisque triumphatas utroque ab litore gentis,'

which on this theory must have been inserted in the last year of Virgil's life. Dr. James Gow (Classical Rev. vol. 9, p. 302 foll.) has made out a strong case for referring both passages to the

year 25. Augustus was then at Tarraco, in Spain, detained by illness; and during that time we are told (Mommson, *Res Gest.* Div. Aug. p. 133, Orosius 6. 21. 19) an embassy from the Scythae (Geloni v. 23) came to him. He was offered by the senate a triumph for victory over the Cantabri and Salassi. Dr. Gow thinks that 'nova tropaea' refers to an actual monument of victory, such as the arch still standing at Aosta which Mommsen identifies with one named by Dion (53. 26) as having been erected at this time, or that which gives its name to Turbia over Nice. The double triumph over East and West so emphasized by Virgil, will mean the triumph over the Cantabrian as following the triumphs of 29 over enemies to the East of Rome.

1. **hispidos**, predicative: of the roughened and tangled look of the country after rains, opp. to Virgil's 'nitentia culta.'

3. **inaequales**, 'gusty,' or, perhaps, 'roughening'; cp. 'inaequalis tonsor,' Epp. 1. 1. 94.

5. **stat**, we should rather say 'lies,' 'stands stiff and deep.'

iners, 1. 22. 17 'pigris campis.'

7. **Gargani**, a rocky promontory at the north-east corner of Apulia. Cp. Epp. 2. 1. 202 'Garganum mugire putes nemus.'

9. **tu semper**. The absence of any adversative particle to mark the antithesis is supplied by the emphatic use of the pronoun and the repetition of 'semper' from v. 1, see on 4. 4. 17. Notice also the emphatic position of 'semper,' v. 1, 'usque,' v. 4, 'semper,' v. 17.

urges, Prop. 4. 11. 1 'Desine, Paule, meum lacrimis urgere sepulchrum.' 'Urgere' adds to some simple metaphor, such as 'prosequi,' the idea of perseverance.

11. **surgente**, used inaccurately of the stars coming into sight at night, as in Virg. Aen. 4. 352 'quotiens astra ignea surgunt.'

12. **rapidum**, 'striding,' helps the metaphor of 'fugiente.' Horace probably had in mind Virgil's 'Te veniente die, te decedente canebat,' G. 4. 465.

13. **ter aevo functus**, 'who lived life three times over,' seems (like Cicero's 'tertiam [Nestor] iam aetatem hominum vivebat,' de Sen. 10) to be an exaggeration of the Homeric ἤδη δύο μὲν γενεαὶ μερόπων ἀνθρώπων ἐφθίετο . . . μετὰ δὲ τριτάτοισιν ἀνασσειν, which means only that the other princes were the grandsons of Nestor's contemporaries. The old age of Nestor, which needed the support of a son, would have excused his grief, as would the 'loveable' character of his son. The story of Antilochus' death, as he was defending his father, is told in Pind. Pyth. 6. 28 foll.

15. **impubem**. His youth is meant to add to the pathos, 'Infelix puer atque impar congressus Achilli,' Virg. Aen. 1. 475.

16. **Troilon**. His death does not occur within the period of the Iliad: it is just mentioned by Priam, Il. 24. 257. Virgil (Aen. 1. 474 foll.) makes it the subject of one of the paintings which Aeneas saw in Dido's hall.

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Phrygiae sorores. This climax points to the exhortation which follows: If barbarian women dried their tears, perpetual lamentations may well be called 'molles' in one who may sing of the arms of Rome.

17. **desine querelarum**, after the model of the Greek genitive with *παύεσθαι*, *λῆγειν*; so Virg. Aen. 10. 441 'desistere pugnae.' Horace similarly copies the genitive with *ἀπέχεσθαι*, Od. 3. 27. 69 'abstineto irarum,' and with *φθονεῖν*, Sat. 2. 6. 84 'Sepositi ciceris nec longae invidit avenae.'

20. **rigidum Niphaten**, 'stiff frozen Niphates.' The later Roman poets took it for a river: Lucan 3. 245 'volventem saxa Niphaten'; cp. Juv. 6. 409, Sil. 13. 765; and this is perhaps the most natural interpretation of Virgil's metaphor, 'pulsum Niphaten' (cp. Aen. 11. 405 'retro fugit Aufidus'). The geographers, however, recognize only a mountain of the name in Armenia. 'Niphaten' is, like 'tropaea,' the direct object of 'cantemus.' In the next stanza Horace passes to another construction, viz. an object clause in the accus. and infin.

21. **Medum flumen**, the Euphrates. The expressions are very parallel to Virg. Aen. 8. 726 'Euphrates ibat iam mollior undis,' where also the Geloni and the Armenian Araxes appear.

23. **intra praescriptum**, 'within the bounds that we have set them.'

Gelonos, see Introd. to Books i-iii, I. § 7.

24. **exiguus** is predicative, 'and find them all too narrow.'

ODE X

'THE wise sailor is neither tempted too far out to sea nor frightened on to rocks and shallows. One who has learnt to love the golden mean neither has a hovel with a roof falling in nor a palace that would attract the evil eye. The higher the seat the greater the fall. The wise man is prepared for fortune to change like everything else. Be brave and hopeful if things are against you, and so, too, do not spread all your sails because the wind chances to be favourable.'

Horace recommends moderation of life and manners. Professedly it is a *mean* that he praises; but it is clear throughout that it is excess that he deprecates; the danger of defect is not really before his mind. This is shown in the *first* part of the Ode by omission—the hypothesis would require a stanza corresponding to st. 3 to illustrate the danger of being too low, as that illustrates the danger of being too high,—in the *second* part by the stress laid on the alternative least contemplated, under cover of which the poet at last ventures to put plainly the lesson on which his heart is really set.

The person to whom the Ode is addressed is called in some good MSS. 'Licinius Murena,' and he has been generally identified with the 'augur Murena' of Od. 3. 19. 11 (see also Sat. 1. 5. 38). He again is taken to be the person variously called 'Lucius Murena' (Vell. Pat. 2. 91), 'Licinius Murena' (Dion 54. 3), 'Varro Murena' (Suet. Tib. 8), and said by Dion (l. c.) to have been the brother of Proculeius and of Terentia, the wife of Maecenas.

This Murena was accused in B. C. 22 εἴτ' οὖν ἀληθῶς εἴτε καὶ ἐκ διαβολῆς (Dion l. c.), of a conspiracy with Fannius Caepio, and, in spite of the efforts of 'Proculeius, his brother (see on Od. 2. 2. 5), and Maecenas, his brother-in-law' (Dion l. c.), was put to death. In the character given of him (ἀκράτῳ καὶ κατακορεῖ παρρησίᾳ πρὸς πάντας ὁμοίως ἐχρήτο, see Dion l. c., who tells a story of his boldness of speech towards Augustus himself) we may probably see the appropriateness of Horace's persuasive to moderation.

On the argument drawn from this Ode as to the date of the publication of the three Books, see Introd. to Books i-iii, § 2.

The history and relationships of Murena have been investigated with much care and acuteness by Dr. Verrall in his 'Studies in Horace.' He proves that he was a distinct person from A. Terentius Varro Murena usually identified with him, who stands in the Capitoline Fasti as one of the original Consuls in B. C. 23 (this would mean apparently that he died early in that year), and who is also probably the Murena who had been employed by Augustus in the subjugation of the Salassi in B. C. 25. He brings out very clearly the effects upon Roman society and upon the relations between Augustus and Maecenas of the conspiracy of B. C. 22, though we cannot all follow him in respect of the many cryptic allusions to it which he detects in Horace's Odes.

1. *neque . . . neque*, not one any more than the other.

altum urgendo, steering on and on into the open sea.

3. *nimum*, with 'premendo,' 'hugging too close the dangerous shore.'

5. *auream mediocritatem*, the μέτριον, μέσον, so much praised in Greek γνῶμαι, e. g. παντὶ μέσῳ τὸ κράτος θεὸς ὥπασεν, Aesch. Eum. 529; πολλὰ μέσοισιν ἄριστα μέσος θέλω ἐν πόλει εἶναι, Phocyl. ap. Arist. Pol. 4. 11. It is here both the mean estate and the moderation of mind which is content with it.

6-8. In point of grammar, doubtless, *tutus* belongs to the first clause, *sobrius* to the second; 'he avoids the meanness of a ruinous hovel and is safe, is sober and avoids the palace that raises envy'; but in sense, 'sober and therefore safe' is the idea of the sentence, and neither adjective is confined to its own clause. The safety of moderation is dwelt on further in the next stanza, its prudence in the one following, which suggests the mutability of fortune.

6. For the conjunction *obsoleti sordibus*, cp. Cic. pro Sest. 28. 50 'alienis sordibus obsolescit.'

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7. *invidenda*, as Od. 3. 1. 45 'invidendis postibus,' in the same connexion.

9-11. *ingens, celsae, summos*, all in emphatic positions, 'for their height.' Cp. Herod. 7. 10 ὅρᾱς τὰ ὑπερέχοντα ζῶα ὥς κεραυνοὶ ὁ θεὸς οὐδὲ ἐὰ φαντάζεσθαι, τὰ δὲ σμικρὰ οὐδέν μιν κνίξει; ὅρᾱς δὲ ὥς ἐς οἰκήματα τὰ μέγιστα αἰεὶ καὶ δένδρεα τὰ τοιαῦτ' ἀποσκήπτει τὰ βέλεα!

11, 12. Dr. Verrall recalls Seneca's quotation (Epist. 19) from the 'Prometheus' of Maecenas, 'ipsa altitudo attonat summa,' which Seneca himself links to this Ode by quoting in the same connexion 'contrahes vela.'

13. *infestis, secundis*, ablatives absolute.

17. *male*, sc. 'est,' Od. 3. 16. 43, Epp. 1. 1. 89, 'bene est.'

18. *quondam*, 'sometimes.' 'Quondam etiam victis redit in praecordia virtus,' Virg. Aen. 2. 367.

19. *arcum*, the bow with which he inflicts death, plague, &c., as in Hom. Il. 1. 49, 382, &c. Cp. Carm. Saec. 33 'Condito mitis placidusque telo.'

21. *angustis*, 'in straits of fortune.' This metaphor seems to suggest the return to the metaphor of the first stanza, good fortune being the *οὔρος* before which we run fast and free.

22. *appare*, 'show yourself.'

23. *ninium*, with 'secundo,' 'dangerously favourable,' δυσ-οὔριστον.

ODE XI

'Do not trouble yourself with foreign politics, Quinctius, nor with schemes of business. Life wants very little, and it is flying fast: spring flowers die and moons wane. Do not weary yourself over plans as if things remained for ever. Better crown with roses our hairs already whitening with age, and drink and play while we may.'

Nothing is known of Quinctius Hirpinus; possibly he is the same as the Quinctius to whom Epp. 1. 16 is addressed.

The nature of the name 'Hirpinus' is not certain. It is very probably a local name (as 'Marrucine Asini,' Catull. 12. 1), the Hirpini being a Samnite tribe, of which Beneventum was the capital.

1. *bellicosus*, Od. 2. 6. 2, 3. 8. 21, 4. 14. 41: cp. Virg. G. 3. 408 'impacatos Hiberos.' Notice that 'bellicosus' really applies to 'Scythes' also, and 'divisus Hadria' suggests a parallel 'divisus Tyrrheno mari' for the 'Cantaber.' See on Od. 2. 10. 6, 8, 2. 15. 18, 20.

2. *Hadria divisus*, a reason for not troubling ourselves about him, 'the broad barrier of Hadria is between us.'

3. *remittas*, with infinitive, 'forbear,' as 'mittere,' Od. 1. 38. 3; 'omittere,' 3. 29. 11.

4. **trepides in usum**, as Orelli interprets it, 'anxie provideas usui,' 'worry thyself about provision for life, which needs but little.' 'Trepidare' is used in the same sense in 3. 29. 31 'Ridetque si mortalalis ultra fas trepidat.' Orelli quotes Plat. Phaed. 68 C τὸ περὶ τὰς ἐπιθυμίας ἐπτοῆσθαι.

5. **fugit retro**, said of those who have passed the flower of youth, to whom its years are 'recedentes,' no longer 'venientes,' A. P. 175.

6. **levis**, opposed to 'rugosa,' 'arida' (v. 6), 'hispidā' (4. 10. 5), which are epithets of 'senectus.' So 'levis Agyieus,' 4. 6. 28, of the ever-young Apollo.

9-12. 'Immortalia ne speres monet annus,' 4. 7. 7. 'Aeterna consilia' are plans for a life that is not to end. Compare the advice of 1. 11. 6 'spatio brevi Spem longam reseces.'

9. **honor**, pride of beauty. Epod. 17. 18.

10. **rubens nitet**. This phrase for the brightness of the moon, which is not common (though Propertius uses it 1. 10. 8 'Et mediis caelo Luna ruberet equis'), is helped by the metaphor of 'vultu.' 'It is not with one and the same blushing face that the moon shines on us.'

11. **minorem**, ἥττονα = 'imparem,' 'overtasked by them.'

12. **consiliis**. The ablative is constructed ἀπὸ κοινοῦ with 'minorem' and 'fatigas.' See on 1. 3. 6.

13. **vel hac**, 'this very pine,' without looking for another.

14. **sic** = οὕτως, 'as we are.'

temere, ἐκῆ, 'with no preparation.' All express the *easiness* of the alternative which Horace proposes for Quinctius' anxious scheming.

14, 15. **rosa odorati capillos** = 'rosis bene olentibus coronati.' The singular (see on 1. 5. 1) seems to be usual.

16. **dum licet**, 'while we may,' we shall soon be unable; 2. 3. 15 foll.

Assyria. There is no need to alter the gender. 'Nardus,' feminine, is the plant from which the oil was obtained, and is used for its produce as 'balanus,' 3. 29. 4; 'uva,' 1. 20. 10. 'Assyria,' probably = 'Syria'; see 3. 4. 32.

18. **quis puer**. For the form of issuing orders cp. 2. 7. 23.

19. **retinguet**, 'put out the fire of the wine.'

21. **devium**, probably answers to 'maturet,' that does not come when she is wanted; and this impatience explains the coarse word 'scortum,' 'the truant hussy.'

23. **in comptum**. Some good MSS. have 'incomptum.' The editors who have retained this reading seem generally to have constructed 'nodum' after 'maturet,' 'make quickly her simple knot'; cp. 3. 14. 21 'Dic et argutae properet Neaerae Murrheum nodo cohibere crinem'; but, as Bentley remarked, 'cum lyra' is an odd accompaniment to that action. He reads 'comam,' with some fair MS. authority to back him, 'incomptam' with one MS. of Torrentius, and 'nodo' *ex mera coniectura*. Munro, though he

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read 'incomptum,' put a comma at 'maturet,' constructing 'incomptum nodum' as a cognate accusative with 'religata.'

ODE XII

'NO, Maecenas, my lyric style will not do for the great feats of Roman arms, any more than it would for the heroic myths. You will celebrate Caesar's glories far better in your prose history. I will content myself with singing the charms of your Licymnia and your love for her.'

With the Ode generally compare 1. 6.

The Scholiasts (on Sat. 1. 2. 64) give the tradition that Licymnia is a name invented by Horace to veil and yet to represent to the initiated that of Terentia, Maecenas' wife. (See *Intro.* to Ode 2. 10.) Many stories are told of her beauty and of her influence over Maecenas, as well as of the trouble she gave him. Horace reminds him of the day, perhaps, when he first saw her, dancing in Diana's temple. Bentley pointed out that the mention of the public dance in Diana's honour, implies that the person imagined is not merely a 'libertina.'

The third stanza seems clearly (though Orelli doubts it, taking 'tu' generally 'you' or 'any one') to imply a hope or a wish that Maecenas may write some memoirs of the reign of Augustus. Servius (on Virg. G. 2. 42) vouches for his having done so; but the only older authority that can be quoted is a doubtful expression of Pliny, N. H. 7. 46.

1. *nolis*, either imperative, 'desire me not'; or, perhaps better, with Orelli, potential, 'you would not desire the old wars of Rome to be set to the lyre, any more than the fights of the Centaurs or the Titans.' The conclusion in either case is, 'no more ask me to set Augustus' exploits.'

longa ferae. The two adjectives answer to one another after Horace's manner; see on 1. 3. 10. Numantia was taken, after its long resistance, by Scipio Africanus Minor, in B. C. 133. Numantia, Hannibal, and the sea-fights of the First Punic War, stand for Roman wars generally.

2. *durum*. Bentley compares Virg. G. 3. 4 'Eurysthea durum,' and points out that there is a Horatian antithesis between it and the 'molles citharae modi.' The earlier editors alter it on very slight MS. authority to 'dirum,' the epithet of Hannibal in Od. 3. 6. 36, 4. 4. 42, quoting Quintil. 8. 2. 9 'proprie dictum id est quo nihil inveniri possit significantius ut Horatius "acrem tibiam," "Hannibalemque dirum".'

Siculum mare. This name, which is generally given to the sea

to the east of Sicily, is used by Horace of the sea between its north coast and Italy; see 3. 4. 28 'Sicula Palinurus unda.' The chief victories referred to will be those of C. Duilius in B. C. 260 off Mylae, on the north coast near Messina, and of L. Lutatius Catulus in 242 off the Aegates Insulae, at the western extremity of the island.

5. **nimum mero**, 'overcharged with wine.' Cp. 'fiducia nimius,' Sall. Fr.; 'rebus secundis nimii,' Tac. Hist. 4. 23. Cp. Od. 1. 18. 8 'Centaurea . . . cum Lapithis rixa super mero Debellata.' Virgil names Hylaeus the Centaur 'Lapithis cratere minantem,' G. 2. 456.

7. **unde periculum**, 'the danger of whose onset.' For 'unde' used of persons see on 1. 12. 17.

8. **fulgens domus** = 'lucidae sedes,' 3. 3. 33; 'aetheria domus,' 1. 3. 29; the δώματα μαρμαίροντα of Homer.

contremuit, with accusative, as Virg. Aen. 3. 648 'sonitumque pedum vocemque tremisco.' For the implied comparison of Augustus and his enemies to Jupiter and the giants see Od. 3. 4. So the 'fulgens contremuit' has point as expressing the greatness, magnificence, of the interests threatened.

9. **tuque pedestribus**. This gives a second reason why Horace should not attempt the theme. It would not suit his 'iocosa lyra,' and Maecenas will treat it better in prose. For 'que' in such a case see on 1. 27. 16. Notice the emphatic position of the words which imply the double opposition between Horace and Maecenas, lyric poetry and prose. Orelli remarks that Horace is the first of extant Latin writers to translate the Greek πρὸς (Arist. Fr. 713, Plat. Soph. p. 237 A πρὸς τε καὶ κατὰ μέτρον).

11. **per vias**, 'through the streets of Rome,' i. e. in a triumph.

12. **colla**, cp. Prop. 2. 1. 33 (the whole poem presents parallels to this Ode) 'Aut regum auratis circumdata colla catenis, Actiaque in Sacra currere rostra via.' So Epod. 7. 7 'Intactus aut Britannus ut cunderet Sacra catenatus via.'

minacium. Cp. Od. 2. 7. 11, where 'minaces' is used in just the same contrast; 'that just now threatened so high.'

13. He praises Licymnia's sweet singing, bright eyes, and true heart.

dominae, 'your mistress.' 'Adolescentum more qui amatas "dominas" vocant,' Acr. Horace would hardly (as Ritter supposes) call Terentia (if it be she) 'my mistress' because he calls Maecenas (not 'dominus,' but) 'rexque paterque,' Epp. 1. 7. 32. For 'domina,' used of a wife, Orelli quotes Ov. Trist. 3. 3. 28.

Licymniae. The name occurs in Virg. Aen. 9. 564 'serva Licymnia.'

14. **lucidum fulgentis**, 1. 22. 23 'dulce ridentem.'

15. **bene**. Either 'wisely,' with 'fidum,' 'mutuis' giving the reason why her loyalty is wise; or only = 'valde,' as 'mentis bene sanae,' Sat. 1. 9. 44, a use which is found in Cicero. In this case it may qualify 'fidum' or 'mutuis,' expressing the completeness either of her loyalty or of the reciprocity of their love. The former more likely, as from its position we want it rather to balance than

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to strengthen 'mutuis'; and also because the main topic is praise of Licymnia, not of Maecenas.

17-20. See *Introd.* *nec dedecuit* suggests rather the idea of condescension.

19. *nitidis*, in holiday dress.

sacro Dianae celebris die, 'the sacred day that fills Diana's temple.'

21. *Achaemenes*, the mythical founder of the Achaemenid family, and so standing for a Persian king; 3. 9. 4 'Persarum vigui rege beatior.' Horace uses the adjective 'Achaemenius' for 'Persian,' *Od.* 3. 1. 44, *Epod.* 13. 8.

22. *Mygdonias*, 'Mygdon's wealth in fat Phrygia.' Cp. *Od.* 3. 16. 41. Mygdon is a prince of the Phrygians in *Hom.* *Il.* 3. 186.

24. *Arabum*, see *Od.* 1. 29 *introd.*, 3. 24. 2, *Epp.* 1. 7. 36.

26. *facili*, that yields easily—an oxymoron.

27. *poscente magis*, 'more than you who ask for them.'

27, 28. *gaudeat, occupet*, are subjunctive because they give the reason for the epithet 'facili saevitia.' Bentley would read 'occupat' with a minority of the MSS., returning to the construction of 'detorquet, negat.'

28. *rapere occupet*, 'be the first to snatch.' For the infinitive see *App.* 2, § 1.

ODE XIII

THE thoughts suggested by the fall of a tree on his Sabine farm from which Horace narrowly escaped. For other allusions to the incident see *Od.* 2. 17. 27, 3. 4. 27, 3. 8. 8; and on the date of all the Odes which refer to it see *Introd.* to Books i-iii, § 8.

The poem begins with a burst of indignation, at least half humorous (comp. *Epod.* 3), at the unlucky tree and the wretch that planted it. Then, from the mention (v. 12) of the accident that had so nearly overwhelmed him, rises the thought, 'How little we guess the quarter from which danger really threatens us. We fix our eyes on some one risk and fear that only, but death comes to all the world from the quarter they do not expect.' Next, suggested by the 'leti vis rapuit rapietque,' comes the remembrance how very *near* to death he has been, 'how near seeing Proserpine and Aeacus on his seat of judgement and the separate abode of happy souls, among them' (here comes the last change) 'those whom the lyric poet would first look for, Sappho and Alcaeus. An admiring throng of shades is round both, but the larger and the more attentive round Alcaeus. What wonder if they listen, when even Cerberus is spell-bound, and Prometheus and Tantalus forget their pains, and Orion stays from his hunting to hear.'

1. *ille et . . . primum*. The object of Horace's indignation is

the man that planted the tree, so that 'ille' stands fitly in the place of emphasis in both stanzas. 'Quicumque primum' has increased force for its parenthetical position;—'I don't know who he was or how long ago it was (the tree had fallen from its age), but I can tell for certain the character both of the man and of the day of his deed.'

nefasto, 'of ill omen.' 'Nefasti dies' were properly the opposite of 'fasti,' 'days on which the Praetor did not sit,' 'unlawful days.' All days on which the courts were closed were therefore equally 'nefasti'; but by an error which A. Gellius notices (Noct. Att. 4. 9), the epithet was vulgarly restricted to those which were interdicted for business as 'tristi omine infames.' In the poets and post-Aug. prose 'nefastus' came to be used as equivalent to 'nefarius,' as Hor. Od. I. 35. 35.

2. **sacrilega**, generalized as often: 'impious.'

3. **prodixit**, 'reared':—the verb is used of educating children in Juv. 14. 228:—or possibly merely 'gave existence to,' meaning the same really as 'posuit,' and only the vehicle for the second idea, which is to be looked for in 'sacrilega manu,' just as the verb is varied again in v. 10 to 'statuit,' which has to carry 'in meo agro.'

in **perniciem**, 'to be the destruction,' as 'iuvenescit . . . in mea vota,' 'to pay my vow,' 4. 2. 56; 'in classem cadit omne nemus,' 'to form the fleet,' Luc. I. 306.

5. **crediderim**, cp. Sat. I. 5. 44 'contulerim.' The subjunctive of the futurum exactum (Madv. § 380) used in modest statements of possible things, 'I shall be likely to believe,' 'I could well believe.'

6. **fregisse cervicem**, Epod. 3. 1 'Parentis olim si quis impia manu Senile guttur fregerit'; Sall. Cat. 55 'Frangere gulam laqueo.'

8. **Colcha**, poisons such as Medea used, Epod. 3. 9, 17. 35. The good MSS. are divided between 'Colcha' and 'Colchica.' If we read the first it is the only instance of the collision of a short open vowel at the end of one Alcaic stanza and a vowel at the commencement of the next. If the latter, it is the only instance of continuous scansion between Alcaic stanzas. Horace more commonly prefers the gentile form to the possessive, 'Maura unda,' 'Italo caelo,' &c., see on I. I. 28.

10. **tractavit**, for the slight zeugma in 'tractare venena et nefas,' cp. I. 15. 12 'aegida currumque et rabiem parat.'

11. **caducum**, 'ea natura ut caderes,' see on 3. 4. 44.

13. 'What special danger each should avoid, man is never forewarned from hour to hour as he had need be.'

15. **Poenus**. So the MSS. and the Schol. without exception; but it is difficult to see the special relation between 'Poenus' and 'Bosporum.' 'Aut Bosporum pro quolibet freto dixit aut Poenum pro quolibet nauta; multum enim divisus est Poenus a Bosporo,' Acr. The suggestion, endorsed by Orelli, that 'Poenus' can be used for 'Phoenician,' i. e. 'Tyrian,' requires proof. That the two words are etymologically identical is an argument, as Munro remarks, which would equally show that 'Yankees' might now be used convertibly with 'English,' of which it was originally an Indian

corruption. Lachmann's correction 'Thynus' or 'Thoenus' is tempting. Bithynian commerce is often mentioned in Horace, Carthaginian never; and the Bithynian sailor's first difficulty would be the passage of the Bosphorus.

ultra caeca. If he can once pass that stormy strait ('gemens,' Od. 2. 20. 14, 'insaniens,' 3. 4. 30) he does not fear dangers from any other quarter, which are not less real because he does not see them as plainly.

16. **timet aliunde**, for lengthening the short syllable see on Od. 1. 3. 36.

17. **sagittas et fugam.** The Roman soldier is said to fear just what the Parthian is said to trust to, Virg. G. 3. 31 'Fidentemque fuga Parthum versisque sagittis,' 'arrows of the swiftly flying Parthian.' Cp. Od. 1. 19. 11 'Versis animosum equis.'

18. **catenas et Italum robur**, 'the chains of an Italian prison-house.' 'Robur' was a name given to the 'Tullianum' or lower dungeon of the Mamertine prison by the Capitol, where greater criminals were confined before their execution (it is described in Sall. Cat. 55), and where Jugurtha was starved to death (Plut. Marius 12). The conjunction 'catenas et robur' makes this meaning inevitable, as in Lucr. 5. 1030 'verbera, carnifices, robur, pix'; Tac. Ann. 4. 29 'robur et saxum minitari.' Dill^r. would take it in the simple sense of 'the strength of Italy.'

19. **improvisa**, predicative.

20. **rapuit rapietque**, Od. 4. 2. 38 'nihil maius donavere nec dabunt'; Epp. 1. 2. 43 'labitur et labetur'; 1. 7. 21 'tulit et feret.'

gentis, used for 'mankind' as in 1. 3. 28 'ignem gentibus intulit'; but specially appropriate here as Horace has been enumerating several nations who differ in their special fears, but all fall under this one sentence.

21. **furvae**, a word meaning apparently 'dark,' appropriated in use to the lower world and what belongs to it, the black victims sacrificed to the 'Di inferi,' &c., Fest. s.v., A. Gell. 1. 18.

Proserpinae. This is the only place, except Sen. Herc. Fur. 548, in which the first syllable is shortened. Horace has it long elsewhere, Od. 1. 28. 20, Sat. 2. 5. 110.

22. **Aeacum**, one of the three judges of Hades, Ov. Met. 13. 25, Plat. Gorg. p. 353.

23. **discriptas**. The MSS. vary between this reading, 'descriptas' and 'discretas.' The meaning is the same. Virg. Aen. 8. 670 'secretosque pios.'

24. **Aeoliis**, Od. 4. 9. 12 'Commissi calores Aeoliae fidibus puellae.'

25 foll. The lyric poet would look first in the shadow-world for Sappho and Alcaeus, as Socrates (Plat. Apol. p. 41) imagines himself looking for Palamedes and Ajax and other victims of unjust judgements.

25. **puellis de popularibus**, as not answering to her affection, as in Sapph. Fr. 43, &c.

26. **sonantem**, with accusative: so it is used in the passive, Epod. 17. 40 'sonari voles.'
- aureo plectro**. Φόρμιγγ', Ἀπόλλων ἐπτάγλωσσον χρυσεῷ πλάκτρῳ διώκων, Pind. N. 5. 24. For 'plectro' see on 2. 1. 40. The 'golden plectrum' is significant of the value of the poems. Cp. Quintil. 10. 1. 63 'Alcaeus in parte operis aureo plectro merito donatur qua tyrannos insectatus multum etiam moribus confert,' &c. On the subjects of his poems see Od. 1. 32.
27. **dura navis**, 1. 32. 7 'Sive iactatam religarat udo Litore navim.'
28. **fugae**, φυγῆς, 'exile.'
29. **sacro silentio**, i. e. of the silence with which divine rites are received. Cp. 3. 1. 2 'Favete linguis: carmina . . . Musarum sacerdos . . . canto.'
30. **magis**, placed first as the antithesis to 'utrumque,' and to be taken with the whole 'densum . . . vulgus': they crowd more thickly, and drink every word more greedily, where Alcaeus is singing.
31. **tyrannos**. Myrsilus, &c.
32. **densum umeris**, 'pressing shoulder to shoulder.' 'Haeret pede pes densusque viro vir,' Virg. Aen. 10. 361.
- bibit aure** = 'avide audit,' Acr. The sounds are poured, not as into a cup which receives passively, but as into the drinker's mouth.
33. **illis carminibus**, ablative with 'stupens,' as Sat. 1. 4. 28, 2. 2. 5. Sappho's singing is included as well as that of Alcaeus. Compare with these stanzas Od. 3. 11. 13-24, Virg. G. 4. 481-484.
34. **demittit auris**, contrast Epod. 6. 7 'aure sublata,' of a hound on the scent.
- centiceps**, possibly to be explained by 3. 11. 16 'Cerberus, quamvis furiale centum Muniant angues caput eius,' since the expression 'ore trilingui' (cp. 2. 19. 31) in the same place seems to imply that there the picture is of three heads. Sophocles calls Cerberus Ἀΐδου τρίκρανον σκύλακα, Trach. 1098, Hesiod Ἀΐδew κύνα χαλκεόφωνον πεντηκοντακάρηνον, Theog. 312; Pindar, acc. to Interpr. Ven. on Hom. Il. 8. 368 ἑκατοντακάρηνον. These epithets may imply in the Greek poets real variety of imagination; but in a Roman poet they are echoes, and there is nothing therefore to prevent Horace giving Cerberus his Sophoclean form in one Ode and his Pindaric complement of heads in another, as Virgil speaks at one time with the Greek tragedians of 'agmina Eumenidum,' at another with the Alexandrines of Megaera, Allecto, and Tisiphone. For a still more pertinent instance see Conington on Virg. Aen. 6. 287 as compared with 10. 565, and 6. 605 compared with 12. 845.
35. Aesch. Cho. 1049 πεπλεκτανημέναι πυκνοῖς δράκουσιν, Virg. G. 4. 482 'implexae crinibus angues Eumenides.'
36. **recreantur**, 'take rest.'
37. **Prometheus**. This form of the legend, which makes Prometheus still undergo punishment in Tartarus (cp. Od. 2. 18. 35, Epod. 17. 67), is known to no other extant author.

Pelopis parens. Tantalus, joined with Prometheus in the two passages referred to. For the legend of him see Hom. Od. 11. 582.

38. **laborem.** The question between 'laborem' and 'laborum' is a doubtful one, and as old as the Schol., Porph. interpreting the former, Acr. the latter. Of the MSS., B has the acc., V had the gen. Bentley pointed out that the mistaken constr. 'sono laborum' (which is found in Acr.) very possibly suggested the reading. In either case it is an attempt to put the usual 'decipere laborem' (Sat. 2. 2. 12 'studio fallente laborem') into the passive, either retaining its accusative, as in such phrases as 'suspensi tabulam loculosque lacerto,' or taking instead of it the Greek genitive of relation.

39. **Orion.** Τὸν δὲ μετ' Ὀρίωνα πελώριον εἰσειόησα | θήρας ὁμοῦ εἰλεῦντα κατ' ἀσφοδελὸν λειμῶνα, Hom. Od. 11. 572. Orion, like Sappho and Alcaeus, is engaged in the same pursuits as in life. Virg. Aen. 6. 654 'fuit vivis quae cura . . . eadem sequitur tellure repostos.'

40. Priscian, p. 689, quotes this line, remarking Horace's use of **lynceas** as masc.; Virg. G. 3. 264 makes it fem. 'lynceas Bacchi variae.'

ODE XIV

'THE years are flying, Postumus; no prayers will stay them; not three hecatombs a day will turn the heart of Pluto the tearless, the almighty, who holds Geryon fast, despite his three bodies, and Tityos, behind the Styx, aye, the Styx, which we must all cross alike, rich and poor. You may avoid all common risks, yet you must die. The treasures that you have hoarded your wiser heir will squander.'

The burden is the same as that of Od. 2. 3 and 11, and of 4. 7 'Life is short, let us enjoy it while we may'; but there is more of sadness in this Ode than in the others. The usual moral is hinted in the passing epithet 'dignior' bestowed on the heir who is to waste our store of choice wine; but the feeling of the stanza is not so much for his wisdom as for the additional bitterness which it adds to our labours to know that they may be all undone as soon as we are dead. 'We must leave it unto a man that shall be after us, and who knoweth whether he shall be a wise man or a fool?' Eccles. 2. 19. There is no clue to the person addressed. It has been suggested that he may be the Postumus to whom Propertius writes his Elegy (3. 12).

1. **fugaces labuntur.** We must not try to harmonize the metaphor, although both 'fugax' (Od. 2. 3. 12) and 'labi' (Epp. 1. 2. 43) are used of running water: 'the fleeting years slide by.' Words are accumulated which convey the idea of rapid and continuous motion, but the mind does not dwell on the form long enough

to gain a distinct picture of the metaphor by which in each case the idea is conveyed to it.

2. **pietas**, Od. 4. 7. 24. Cp. Ov. Am. 3. 9. 37 'Vive pius, moriere pius; cole sacra, colentem Mors gravis a templis in cava busta trahet.' 'Pietas' is exemplified in the next stanza.

3, 4. **instanti, indomitae**, the epithets which signify the *nearness* and the *certainty* of the end of our pleasures are divided between age and death.

5. **non si**, 'no, not if,' the negative referring back to the preceding sentence, as Virg. G. 2. 42 'Non ego cuncta meis amplecti versibus opto, Non, mihi si linguae centum sint oraque centum.'

trecenis, 'three hecatombs for every day that passes.' Ritter, offended at the hyperbole, would interpret 'trecenis' as a round number standing for the number of days in a year, 'three hundred bulls, one for each day that passes.' But 'three hundred' is a usual expression for an indefinitely large number, Od. 3. 4. 79, Sat. 1. 5. 12. Many of the best MSS. read, against the metre, 'tricenis.'

6. **places**, 'try to appease.'

illacrimabilem, 'that cannot be moved to tears.' It is used passively 4. 9. 26, see on I. 3. 22.

7. **ter amplum**, *τρισώματος*, Aesch. Ag. 870; 'tripectora tergemini vis Geryonai,' Lucr. 5. 28; 'forma tricorporis umbrae,' Virg. Aen. 6. 289.

8. **Tityon**, 3. 4. 77, 3. 11. 21, 4. 6. 2. For his offence and his punishment see Hom. Od. 11. 576, Virg. Aen. 6. 595 foll. The purpose of these instances is to signalize Pluto's *power*, as vv. 5, 6 signalize his inexorable sternness.

tristi compescit unda, 2. 20. 8. 'Stygia cohibebor unda,' Virg. Aen. 6. 438 'Fas obstat tristisque palus inamabilis unda Alligat et novies Styx interfusa coercet.'

10. Hom. Il. 6. 142 *βροτῶν οὐ ἀρούρης καρπὸν ἔδουσι*.

11. **enaviganda**. The preposition implies that the voyage must be complete and final. Cp. 2. 3. 27 'nos in aeternum Exilium impositura cumbae.'

sive reges, cp. ibid. 21 'Divesne prisco natus ab Inacho,' &c. For 'reges'='divites,' cp. 1. 4. 14; for 'coloni,' 1. 35. 6.

13. 'No avoidance of danger or care of health will save us from death.'

carebimus, cp. its use in 2. 10. 7, 3. 19. 8. It does not exclude effort to avoid.

14. **fractis**, Virg. Aen. 10. 291 'nec fracta remurmurat unda,' of waves breaking on rocks.

16. **Austrum**, Sat. 2. 6. 18 'plumbeus Auster, Autumnusque gravis Libitinae quaestus acerbae,' cp. Epp. 1. 7. 5. The dative **corporibus** is governed *ἀπὸ κοινοῦ* by 'nocentem' and 'metuemus,' see on Od. 1. 3. 6.

17. **visendus**, notice the antithetical position of 'linquenda,' v. 21.

18. **Danai genus**, 3. 11. 25-32.

19. **damnatus laboris**. This genitive is not unknown in prose,

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as Cic. Verr. 2. 3. 11 'damnare octupli.' It follows perhaps the analogy of the genitive with verbs of estimating, and signifies the equivalent at which the crime is assessed.

20. **Sisyphus**, Hom. Od. 11. 593.

21. Compare Lucret. 3. 907 foll. 'Nam iam non domus accipiet te laeta, neque uxor Optima,' &c.

23. **cupressos**, 'funebres,' Epod. 5. 18; 'ferales,' Virg. Aen. 6. 216. They are used in the latter passage to ornament in some way the funeral pile. Orelli quotes Ovid, Met. 10. 141, where Apollo says to Cyparissus just changed into the tree that was to bear his name, 'Lugebere nobis, Lugebisque alios adersisque dolentibus.'

24. **brevem**, as 'brevis flores rosae,' 2. 3. 13, 'master on a short tenure,' cp. Epp. 2. 2. 172.

25. **Caecuba**, 1. 20. 9. The plural is of quantity, cp. 2. 1. 5.

dignior, 'worthier,' apparently, because he makes a wiser use of it; but there is a certain bitterness in the epithet. Cp. Sat. 2. 3. 122 'Filius aut etiam libertus ut ebibat heres . . . custodis.'

27. **tinget pavimentum**, Cic. Phil. 2. 41. 105, of the spilt wine of a profuse and drunken banquet, 'Natabant pavimenta vino, madebant parietes.'

superbo, 'lordly.' 'Pro "ipse superbus"; Hypallage figura,' Acr. Horace makes it the epithet of 'mero,' as though the wine itself showed lordliness—'generosity'—at once in its quality and in allowing itself to be so squandered. The asyndeton, 'superbo . . . potiore,' indicates, as Orelli says, that the second epithet justifies the first.

28. Od. 1. 37. 2 'Saliaribus dapibus'; Mart. 12. 48. 2 'Non Albana mihi sit comissatio tanti, Non Capitolinae Pontificumque dapes.'

ODE XV

'OUR palaces and fish-ponds and ornamental gardens are supplanting the cultivation of corn and vines and olives. This is not the spirit of our sires. Their rule was private thrift, public magnificence; houses of turf, public buildings and temples of hewn stone.'

Compare the introduction to Ode 18. Both Odes (and to some extent 16 also) deal with evils which in iii. 1-6 and 24 the social and religious legislation of Augustus is set forth as about to remedy. Some similarities of expression show that Horace was conscious of this relation between the Odes. See notes on 3. 1. 36, 38, 45, 3. 24. 4.

With the special subject of this Ode compare the letter of Tiberius to the Senate in Tac. Ann. 3. 53 foll., esp. such sentences as 'Quod primum prohibere et priscum ad morem recidere aggrediar? villarumne infinita spatia? familiarum numerum et nationes? argenti et auri pondus? . . . At Hercule nemo refert quod Italia externae opis

indiget, quod vita populi Romani per incerta maris et tempestatum quotidie volvitur. Ac nisi provinciarum copiae et dominis et serviitiis et agris subvenerint nostra nos scilicet nemora nostraeque villae tuebuntur.' See Sall. Cat. 12 'Operae pretium est quum domos atque villas cognoveris in urbium modum exaedificatas visere templa deorum quae nostri maiores religiosissimi mortales fecere. Verum illi delubra deorum pietate, domos suas gloria decorabant;' and ib. 13 'a privatis pluribus subversos montis, maria constructa.'

1. **regiae**, 'royal' in magnificence; cp. the 'villarum infinita spatia' of Tiberius, Tac. l. c.

2. **moles**, 'piles,' 3. 29. 10 'molem propinquam nubibus' of Maecenas' villa.

latius extenta, &c., 'fish-ponds of wider extent than the Lucrine lake' (A. P. 65, Virg. G. 2. 161). The elder Seneca (Controv. 4. 5) speaks of 'navigabilia piscinarum freta,' and Cicero ridicules those who spent much money on this luxury, by the name of 'piscinarii' (ad Att. 1. 19).

3. **visentur**, they will be sights to see.

4. **caelebs**, for the metaphor see Od. 4. 5. 30, Epod. 2. 10. Cp. Quintil. 8. 3. 8 (probably in allusion to this Ode) 'an ego fundum cultiorem putem in quo mihi quis ostenderit lilia, et violas, et anemonas, fontis surgentis, quam ubi plena messis aut graves fructu vites erunt? Sterilem platanum tonsasque myrtos quam maritam ulmum et uberes oleas praeoptaverim?'

5. **evincet**, 'drive from the field.'

6. **myrtus**, fourth declension, as in Virg. G. 2. 64 'Paphiae myrtus.'

copia narium; 'narium' may be explained either by itself, after the analogy of the Greek use of *ῥίμα* and *ὀφθαλμός*, 'the nostrils' = the fragrance perceived by them; or, together with 'copia,' the genitive signifying not that of which there is abundance, but that in respect of which, to the gratification of which, the abundance exists, 'all the fullness of the nostrils' = 'the fullness of all that pleases the nostrils.'

9. **laurea**, the feminine adjective is rarely used, as here, for the bay-tree (cp. Liv. 32. 1), though often for the bay crown, as Od. 4. 2. 9.

10. **ictus**, *βολάς*, 'radiatorum ictum,' Lucr. 5. 612; so 'verbera,' 'tela,' &c. 'Fervidos' here supplies the place of a genitive, 'solis' or 'aestus'; cp. 3. 16. 11 'ictu fulmineo' = 'fulminis.'

11. **intonsi** = 'antiqui,' Od. 3. 21. 11 'prisci Catonis'; see on 1. 12. 41 'incomptis Curium capillis.' Compare, as Maclean suggests, Ov. Fast. 6. 263 'Tunc erat intonsi regia magna Numae' with Trist. 3. 1. 29 'Hic fuit antiqui regia parva Numae.' Cicero uses 'barbatus' in the same sense, e.g. 'aliquem ex barbatis illis, exemplum imperii veteris, imaginem antiquitatis,' Sest. 8. 19. Cato the censor died B.C. 149.

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12. *auspiciis* = 'ductu,' and so 'example.'

14. *commune* = τὸ κοινόν, here 'the common stock,' 'public treasury.'

decempedis, 'ten-foot rods,' the common length apparently for measuring rods; see *inter al.* Cic. Mil. 27. 74: 'privatis' i. e. belonging to private persons.

15. *metata*, passive, as in Sat. 2. 2. 114; see on Od. 1. 32. 5.

16. *porticus*, a colonnade facing north to avoid the sun and catch the cool wind in summer. Contrast the winter dining-room in Juv. 7. 183 'argentem rapiat cenatio solem.'

17. *fortuitum*, τὸν ἐπιτυχόντα, 'the chance-cut turf' for building; 'tuguri congestum caespitem culmen,' Virg. E. 1. 69.

18-20. Public buildings and temples alike would be built 'publico sumptu,' and adorned 'novo saxo'; but in Horace's manner the qualifying words are divided between the two, see on 2. 10. 6, 2. 11. 1, 3. 4. 18, 4. 9. 29, Epod. 5. 37.

20. *novo saxo*, from its position, seems intended as an antithesis to 'fortuitum caespitem,' so that 'novo' must be almost equivalent to 'exquisito,' 'hewn on purpose.' Orelli compares, with the last two stanzas, Cic. pro Flacc. 12. 28 'Haec ratio ac magnitudo animorum in maioribus nostris fuit ut cum in privatis rebus suisque sumptibus contenti tenuissimo cultu viverent in imperio atque in publica dignitate omnia ad gloriam splendoremque revocarent.'

ODE XVI

'REST is (at times at least) the prayer of all men, though they do not go the way to find it. Gold and purple will not buy it, Grosphus; neither wealth nor rank banish care; and meantime very little suffices for a happy life if the heart is free from fear and desire. Moderated desires, not hurrying from place to place, are the means to avoid care. Go where you will you cannot escape yourself. Care boards the best appointed yacht and keeps up with the fleetest horseman. Enjoy the present, and don't think of the future. If troubles come, smile and be patient and they will be the lighter. Unmixed happiness is not to be looked for: Achilles had glory, but with it an early death; Tithonus a long life and the weariness of old age. What you lack I may perhaps have, as you have what I lack. You have flocks and herds and purple garments, and I have my little farm, my muse, and a heart to despise my critics.'

'Peace and happiness depend on ourselves, not on things outside of us.' 'Quod petis hic est, Est Ulubris, animus si te non deficit aequus,' Epp. 1. 11. 29.

Grosphus is doubtless the person whom Horace commends to Iccius in Epp. 1. 12. 22-24:—

‘Utere Pompeio Grospho et, si quid petet, ultro
defer; nil Grosphus nisi verum orabit et aequum.
vilis amicorum est annona bonis ubi quid deest.’

We gather from this Ode that he was a man of wealth, and, from both Ode and Epistle, that his property was in Sicily.

1. Cp. 1. 1. 15 foll. ‘Luctantem Icariis fluctibus Africum Mercator metuens otium et oppidi Laudat rura sui; mox reficit ratis,’ &c. The application of the first six lines is allegorical, although by the construction of v. 7 it is purposely made to appear that the ‘otium’ for which the trader and the Thracian sigh is the same which is the true subject of the Ode. ‘The trader prays for [bodily] rest, but it is only in the moment of storm; the Thracian, the Mede—but their hearts are in war; we too wish for rest [of mind], but spend our lives in the cares and hurry which banish it.’

2. **prensus**, καταληφθείς, apparently a technical word for ‘caught in a storm,’ as ‘deprensus,’ Virg. G. 4. 421.

3. **certa**, ‘on which to rely,’ not as though there were some stars ‘certa,’ others ‘incerta.’

5. **bello furiosa**, Ἀρειμωνίης, ‘Mavortia tellus,’ Virg. Aen. 3. 13.

6. **pharetra decori**. Their very adornment belies their prayer.

7. **Grosphe**. The personal address serves to point the separation of the allegory from its application: ‘for rest, Grosphus,—rest, which gems, &c., will not buy.’

non venale, οὐκ ὀνητόν, Thuc. 3. 40, &c. For the division of the word between the two verses see Od. 1. 2. 20, 1. 25. 11.

10. **summovet**, the proper word of a lictor clearing the way for the consul, ‘i, lictor, summove turbam,’ Liv. 3. 48, &c. ‘The tumults,’ of the mind is a continuation of the metaphor.

11. Cares are represented as a flock of ill-omened birds or harpies that fly round and round under the panelled roof of the rich man’s hall.

laqueata, 2. 18. 2.

13. **vivitur parvo bene**, cui, sc. ‘ab illo cui,’ ‘A happy life is his, though his means be small, on whose modest board,’ &c.; ‘vivere parvo’ occurs Sat. 2. 2. 1. The silver salt-cellar (Pers. S. 3. 24 ‘rure paterno Est tibi far modicum, purum et sine labe salinum’), an heirloom of the house, is used as a test of respectable competence. ‘Splendet’ is antithetical to ‘tenui.’ It is the ‘one ornament of the modest board,’ perhaps also like the epithets ‘purum,’ ‘puri,’ it implies cleanliness. ‘Iamdudum splendet focus et tibi munda supellex,’ Epp. 1. 5. 7.

15. **levis somnos**, ‘untroubled,’ 3. 1. 21 foll.

cupido, masculine, as always in Horace where the gender is marked, Od. 3. 16. 39, 3. 24. 51, Sat. 1. 1. 61, Epp. 1. 1. 33.

17. **fortes**, like ‘audax omnia perpeti,’ 1. 3. 36; no trouble or

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disappointment daunts us. 'Brevi' answers to 'multa.' Life is too short for many aims; the metaphor of 'iaculamur' is that of the Gr. *τοξεύειν*, Soph. O. T. 1196, &c.

18, 19. Cp. Virg. G. 2. 512 'Exilioque domos et dulcia limina mutant Atque alio quaerunt patriam sub sole iacentem,' where Virgil uses 'muto' with the accusative of that which is surrendered; Horace uses it of that which is taken, but suppressing the other object of exchange. Compare the uses of *ἀλλάττειν*, as Soph. Ant. 944 *οὐράνιον φῶς* ('to quit'), Eur. Hec. 483 *Ἄϊδα θαλάμους* ('to enter').

19. *patriae exsul*, Greek genitive, as *φυγὰς Ἀργεος*, Theoc. 24. 127, imitated by Ovid, Met. 6. 189 'exsul erat mundi,' 9. 409 'exsul mentisque domusque.' For the sentiment cp. Lucr. 3. 1060-1070, Hor. S. 2. 7. 113 foll., Epp. 1. 11. 27 'Caelum non animum mutant qui trans mare currunt,' 1. 14. 15 'In culpa est animus, qui se non effugit unquam.'

21-24. Cp. 3. 1. 37 foll. 'Timor et Minae Scandunt eodem quo dominus, neque Decedit aerata triremi et Post equitem sedet atra Cura.' The image of the ship grows naturally in both passages out of what precedes. 'It is of no use running away to other lands (in 3. 1, to your seaside villa); care goes on board with you.' 'Aeratas navis,' 'aerata triremi,' seem to hint that care might have been expected to stand in awe of a rich man's well-appointed trireme (cp. Epp. 1. 1. 93 'conducto navigio aequae Nauseat ac locuples quem ducit priva triremis'). The same additional idea is probably contained in the 'turmas equitum,' into which the simpler 'equitem' of 3. 1. 40 is expanded in this Ode. Horace probably had in mind Lucretius' account (2. 46) of the bold front with which 'curae . . . sequaces . . . Nec metuunt sonitus armorum nec fera tela, Audacterque inter reges rerumque potentis Versantur.' At the end of the stanza both images have merged in the general idea of the impossibility of flying from care which is fleetier than a stag or a storm-wind.

21. *vitiosa*, 'morbid.' The adjective rather interferes with the personification, but it is Horace's manner, see on 1. 35. 21 'Spes et albo *rara* Fides colit Velata panno.'

25. 'When happy in the present let the heart shun all care for what is beyond; when the cup is bitter, sweeten it with the smile of patience.'

quod ultra est, τὰ πόρρω, the 'future.'

26. *lento risu*, 'the smile of patience' Cic. de Or. 2. 190 'lente ferre'; Tac. Ann. 3. 70. 3 'lentus in suo dolore esset.'

29. Achilles had his choice; cp. Hom. Il. 9. 412 Εἰ μὲν κ' αὖθι μένων Τρώων πόλιν ἀμφιμάχωμαι, | ὤλετο μὲν μοι νόστος, ἀτὰρ κλέος ἄφθιτον ἔσται | εἰ δέ κεν οἴκαδ' ἵκωμι φίλην ἐς πατρίδα γαῖαν, | ὤλετό μοι κλέος ἐσθλόν, ἐπὶ δὲ δηρὸν δέ μοι αἰὼν | ἔσσεται.

30. *longa*, antith. to 'cita,' v. 29. Mimnermus 4 (ed. Bergk) Τιθωνῶ μὲν ἔδωκεν ἔχειν κακὸν ἄφθιτον ὁ Ζεὺς, | γῆρας, ὃ καὶ θανάτου ῥίγιον ἀργαλέον.

32. *hora*. Time in its course, one hour if not another; cp. 4. 7. 8.

33. *Grosphus* has large pastures in Sicily. For this form of wealth see on 1. 31. 5. Cp. *Epod.* 1. 27, *Epp.* 2. 2. 177.

33, 34. *greges . . . mugiunt*. If 'greges' is to be distinguished from 'vaccae,' according to the common opposition of 'greges et armenta,' 'flocks and herds,' there is an easy Zeugma in the use of 'mugiunt.' Possibly, however, 'greges vaccaeque' = 'greges vaccarum' (cp. *Epod.* 2. 11 'mugientium greges'), the two being separated in order to give more emphasis to the numeral and adjective.

34. For the elision cp. 4. 2. 22, *Carm.* S. 47.

35. *bis tinctae*, διβαφα, *Epod.* 12. 21 'Muricibus Tyriis iteratae vellera lanae.'

Afro, *Epp.* 2. 2. 181 'vestis Gaetulo murice tinctas.'

38. *spiritum Camenae*, equivalent, as the commentators say, to the ἵσα πνεῖν Μοῦσαις of the epigram on Sappho (*Anal. Brunck.* p. 449) save that 'spirare' and 'spiritus' have a special reference, which we do not know in πνεῖν, to the 'thoughts that breathe and words that burn' of poetry. Cp. *Od.* 4. 3. 24 'Quod spiro et placeo, si placeo, tuum est,' 4. 6. 29 'Spiritum Phoebus mihi, Phoebus artem Carminis nomenque dedit poetae.' See also *Sat.* 1. 4. 42-47, where the name of poet is limited to the man, 'Ingenium cui sit, cui mens diviniior atque os Magna sonaturum,' and it is doubted whether comedy can claim to be poetry, 'quod acer spiritus ac vis Nec verbis nec rebus inest.'

tenuem has no doubt a close relation to 'Graiae,' and describes the polish and refinement of taste which Horace missed in the earlier Roman literature. Cp. *A. P.* 323, where there is the same antithesis as that hinted here between the delicacy of literary taste and the coarser Roman life with its love of wealth, 'Grais ingenium,' &c. It is difficult to say how much feeling of the metaphor remains in either 'spiritum' or 'tenuem.' If this passage stood alone we should have no difficulty in interpreting 'tenuem' of the fineness and delicacy of the air, but 'tenuis,' like the Gr. λεπτός and corresponding words in many languages, is used widely of nicety of judgement or taste or expression. Horace gives it in this sense another metaphorical connexion, *Epp.* 2. 1. 225 'tenui deducta poemato filo.' The rival interpretation of 'tenuem spiritum' as = 'particulam aliquam exiguam spiritus' is not so good. Horace's farm is 'small,' but we do not want to continue the depreciation of his lot, but to enforce the doctrine of the fair balancing of fortune by contrasting his modest external means with the richness of his mental gifts.

Camenae, used without scruple of the Greek Μοῦσαι. Cp. 'Pindaricae Camenae,' *Od.* 4. 9. 8.

39. *non mendax dedit*, *Carm.* S. 25 'veraces cecinisse Parcae.' 'Fate assigned to me that lot in days gone by, and she has kept her word.'

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malignum spernere vulgus, either the same as Od. 3. 2. 23 ‘[Virtus] Coetusque vulgaris et udam Spernit humum fugiente penna’; ‘malignum’ being = ‘profanum’ in 3. 1. 1, or more likely referring to the envy which his fortune and his rising fame brought with them, see on Od. 2. 20. 4-7.

ODE XVII

‘KILL me not, Maecenas, with your dismal forebodings. If you are going to die, I die too; so the gods will, and so I will. For *myself*, I could not survive the one half of myself: I have sworn, and will be true to my oath of fealty; where you go I will go, if the Chimaera or Gyas were to rise to prevent it. And *the gods* will it too. I know not whether I was born under a good star or a bad one, but my horoscope tallies wonderfully with yours. You recovered from dangerous illness just when I escaped the falling tree. Let us remember it, and in our several ways thank the gods.’

Maecenas was an invalid (Plin. N. H. 7. 54 ‘Quibusdam perpetua febris est sicut C. Maecenati. Eidem triennio supremo nullo horae momento contigit somnus’), and one that clung passionately to life, if we may trust his own lines preserved by Seneca, Epp. 101:—

‘Debilem facito manu,
debilem pede, coxa,
tuber adstrue gibberum,
lubricos quate dentis;
vita dum superest, bene est.
hanc mihi vel acuta
si sedeam cruce, sustine.’

He has been complaining of his health to Horace, and the poet would coax him out of his hypochondriacal fears by the expression of affection, by the profession of his own strong belief that Maecenas’ life is as good as his own, by recalling his previous recovery from illness and his flattering reception in the theatre, as memories likely to strengthen his confidence in his destiny and in himself.

The astrological part of the Ode is only an adaptation of the language of a popular superstition which Horace condemns in Od. 1. 11. Orelli points out that the language of stanza 5, ‘*seu Libra seu*,’ &c., forbids the idea that Horace had confidence in any calculation of his own horoscope. He tells us, Sat. 1. 6. 114, that he was fond of standing and listening to the astrologers of the circus. With the poet’s professions of his resolution not to survive Maecenas cp. Epod. 1; on Maecenas’ reception in the theatre, Od. 1. 20; and on Horace’s own escape from the falling tree, Od. 2. 13.

Maecenas actually died in B. C. 8, a few months before Horace.

2. *amicum est*, φίλον ἐστί.

prius, sc. 'quam me.'

4. Od. I. I. 2 'praesidium et dulce decus meum.' Cp. Epp. I. I. 103, Virg. G. 2. 40.

5. *partem animae*, Od. I. 3. 8 'animae dimidium meae.'

7. *nec carus aequae*, sc. 'mihi ipsi,' as Epp. I. 3. 29 'Si patriae volumus, si nobis vivere cari.' 'I shall not love myself as well as before: it will not be my whole self that will be alive.' Cp. Epod. I. 5. 6.

8. *utramque ducet ruinam*, i. e. will cause both to fall at once. Virg. always uses 'trahere ruinam' of the thing which falls.

9. *non perfidum dixi*, sc. 'I have taken a soldier's oath, and will not break it.' 'Dicere sacramentum' was the technical phrase, Caes. B. C. I. 23. 5.

10. *ibimus*. Horace speaks in the plural, keeping up the idea of soldiers swearing to their general.

11. *utcumque*, 'whenever,' see on Od. I. 17. 10, 3. 4. 29, Epod. 17. 52.

supremum iter, τὰν νεάταν ὁδόν, Soph. Ant. 807; 'via leti,' Od. I. 28. 16.

13. *Chimaerae*, 'triformi Chimaera,' Od. I. 27. 24; Hom. Il. 6. 179 foll. Cp. the shadowy forms which Virgil places in Aeneas' way at the entrance of Hades, 'variarum monstra ferarum . . . Et centumgeminus Briareus . . . flammisque armata Chimaera,' Aen. 6. 285.

14. *si resurgat*, 'if he were free to rise,' for he lies, according to Horace (Od. 3. 4. 69), buried in Tartarus.

Gyas. The MSS. in 3. 4. 69 read 'gigas'; in this place they are divided between 'gigas' and 'gygas,' Cruquius' MSS. all having the latter. 'Gigas' was read by Porph., Acr. (who interprets it by 'Briareus de quo Virgilius Aen. 10. 564'), and Priscian (17. 152). In Ovid, however, the name of the hundred-handed giant occurs in three places where the metre excludes the proper case of 'gigas,' Trist. 4. 7, Amor. 2. 1. 12, Fast. 4. 593. In the first of these passages the MSS. vary between 'Gygen,' 'Gyam,' and 'Gian.' In Hesiod, Theog. 149, 714, 734, where three brothers are named Κόττος τε Βριάρεώς τε Γύγης θ' ὑπερίφανα τέκνα, the MSS. vary between Γύγης and Γύης. Apollodorus, the mythologist, gives the name as Γύης. Against the form Γύγης must be counted the fact that both in Greek (see Archilochus, Fr. 21 οὐ μοι τὰ Γύγω τοῦ πολυχρύσου μέλει) and in Latin (Hor. Od. 2. 5. 20, 3. 7. 5) the first syllable is lengthened. On this evidence Keller writes here, and in Od. 3. 4. 69, 'Gyas.' In itself a proper name is more likely than the general 'gigas.'

15, 16. 'Hoc et iustum est et decretum a Parcis,' Ritter. Δίκη is sister to the Μοῖραι in Hes. Theog. 902. For the position of 'que' see on Od. I. 30. 6.

17. *seu . . . seu . . . seu*, see Introd. to the Ode. Compare with the whole passage Persius' imitation, Sat. 5. 45 foll. 'Non equidem hoc dubites, amborum foedere certo Consentire dies et ab uno

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sidere duci: Nostra vel aequali suspendit tempora libra Parca tenax veri, seu nata fidelibus hora Dividit in geminos concordia fata duorum, Saturnumque gravem nostro Iove frangimus una: Nescio quod certe est quod me tibi temperat astrum.' Compare also for the influence attributed to some of the planets and signs of the Zodiac here named, Propert. 4. 1. 83 foll. 'Felicesque Iovis stellas Martisque rapacis Et grave Saturni sidus in omne caput; Quid moveant Pisces animosaque signa Leonis, Lotus et Hesperia quid Capricornus aqua.' Each planet had a special relation to some sign of the Zodiac; Venus to Libra, Mars to Scorpio, Saturn to Capricornus.

aspicit, the present tense, as the influence of the star which was in the critical position at the moment of the child's birth continues through his life.

18. **pars violentior**, 'more stormy influence in the hour of birth'; Manil. 4. 217 foll. 'Scorpios armatae metuendus cuspidē caudae... In bellum ardentis animos et Martia corda Efficit et multo gaudentem sanguine Sullam.'

19. **tyrannus Hesperiae undae**, cp. Propert. 1. c. Horace probably gives this title (cp. 'arbiter Hadriae,' 1. 3. 15) to Capricorn as the mid-winter sign. Cic. Nat. D. 2. 44 (from Aratus) 'Tum gelidum valido de pectore frigus anhelans Corpore semifero magno Capricornus in orbe: Quem cum perpetuo vestivit lumine Titan Brumali flectens contorquet tempore currum.' The 'western waters,' as in Od. 1. 28. 26. Lord Lytton thinks that in suggesting Capricorn for his horoscope Horace is thinking of his own narrow escape from shipwreck, Od. 3. 4. 28.

22. **impio** connects the crimes of the mythological Saturn with the bad influence of the planet which bears his name. Orelli shows from Manil. 2. 434 and 4. 698 that 'tutela' was a technical term.

23. **Saturno**. The dative probably feels the government both of 'eripuit' and of 'refulgens' in the sense of 'shining in the face of,' so as to counteract his influence.

26. **ter**, indefinite, of several rounds of applause. The plural 'theatris' generalizes, 'the people in crowded theatres'; in Od. 1. 20. 3, where he refers to the event more particularly, he uses the singular. We need not press the fact that there was at the time apparently only one theatre in Rome. For the phrase 'crepuit sonum' cp. Propert. 3. 10. 4 'manibus faustos ter crepuere sonos.'

27. **truncus**, Od. 2. 13 passim, 3. 4. 27, 3. 8. 8.

28. **sustulerat**. The indicative is a rhetorical exaggeration, 'I was dead, had not Faunus stayed the blow,' cp. Od. 3. 16. 3 'munierant... si non risissent'; Virg. G. 2. 133, Aen. 2. 55; see Madv. § 348 c.

Faunus, cp. 1. 17. 2, 13, the god of the country, here probably as there identified with Pan, for Pan was the son of Hermes, which may explain the connexion of 'Mercurialium.' Horace attributes his escape in 3. 8. 7 to Bacchus: the constant part in all his references to it is its ground, 'Dis pietas mea *Et musa cordi est.*'

29. **Mercurialium.** 'Mercuriales' was the name of a 'collegium mercatorum' at Rome, which was associated with the 'cultus' of Mercurius, the god of traffic, Cic. ad Quint. Fr. 2. 5, Liv. 2. 21, 27 : the word was thus familiar to people's ears as meaning 'favourites of Mercury.' Horace applies it in Sat. 2. 3. 25 to Damasippus, the connoisseur who could buy everything so as to make a profit, from old bronzes to estates ; and here (Mercury being identified with the Greek Hermes) to himself, as under the special protection of the god who was 'curvae lyrae parens,' Od. 1. 10. 6, 3. 11. 1, Epod. 13. 9, &c. Cp. also Od. 2. 7. 13.

ODE XVIII

'I HAVE no ivory couches nor gilded ceiling nor rare marbles nor palace nor crowd of retainers. Yet I have honour and wit and the respect of those richer than myself, and I am contented. You lay house to house as if you were to live for ever. The land is not large enough, you must build in the sea. Nay, you must pluck up your neighbour's landmark and drive out your own client to misery. Yet more surely than any house that you are building the grave awaits you. Think of that limit—the grave, where you and your poor neighbours, oppressor and oppressed, are on an equality.'

Horace opposes two pictures : one, of himself, contented and happy with his farm and his poetry ; the other, of some rich man so full of plans for building and increasing his property as to forget death and to commit wrong and robbery. Ode 15 complained of the great growth of the villas of the wealthy on the ground of the waste of land which was wanted for agriculture. This Ode touches on another evil incidental to this passion, the unjust and cruel ejection of small owners from their ancestral properties. It is this which gives the special colour to the usual satire on the folly of leaving death out of our calculations. Death is not only more certain than all our plans, he is the great equalizer and redresser of wrongs.

With the picture of the grasping proprietor compare Sallust's expressions where he is tracing that alienation of classes which led to the civil wars, Jug. 41 'populus militia atque inopia urgebatur ; praedas bellicas imperatores cum paucis diripiebant ; interea parentes aut parvi liberi militum ut quisque potentiori confinis erat sedibus pellebantur.'

The early part of the Ode is not unlike in expression a fragment (28) of Bacchylides :—

οὐ βοῶν πάρεστι σώματ', οὔτε χρυσός, οὔτε πορφύρεοι τάπητες, ἀλλὰ
θυμὸς εὐμενὴς
Μοῦσά τε γλυκεῖα καὶ Βοιωτίοισιν ἐν σκύφοισιν οἶνος ἡδύς.

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Compare also Virg. G. 2. 461 foll., and Hor. Od. 1. 31, 2. 16. 33-40.

Metre—*Hipponacteum*. See Index of Metres, 9.

1. **ebur**, used for furniture, as in Sat. 2. 6. 103 'lectos eburnos.' The Schol., however, are possibly right in taking the words a = 'non eburnum neque aureum lacunar.' Cp. Cic. Parad. 1. 4 'marmoreis tectis ebore et auro fulgentibus.'

2. **renidet**, 2. 5. 19; cp. Lucr. 2. 27 'Nec domus argento fulget auroque renidet.'

lacunar, the panels of a ceiling, 2. 16. 11.

3. **trabes Hymettiae premunt**, &c., probably slabs of white marble from Mount Hymettus in Attica, used for the architrave, to rest on columns of the 'giallo antico,' which was found in Numidia, 'flavis Nomadum metallis,' Stat. Silv. 1. 5. 36.

5, 6. **Attali . . . occupavi**. This seems only to mean 'nor has some rich stranger left me a palace'; 'the palace of an Attalus' being a way of saying 'a palace of enormous wealth,' see on Od. 1. 1. 12 'Attalicis condicionibus.' It is possible that the expression carried with it also the memory that the last Attalus, in default of natural heirs, had left his property to the Roman people.

7. **Laconicas**, Pliny N. H. 9. 60 names the coast of Laconia as the chief place in Europe for the shell-fish that gave the purple dye.

8. **trahunt**, 'spin,' Juv. 2. 54 'vos lanam trahitis,' or perhaps rather 'weave.'

honestae, 'well born.'

clientae, a Plautine word, Mil. Glor. 3. 1. 193, &c. The two verses seem to couple two proofs of wealth, the 'maior turba clientium' of 3. 1. 13 with the 'purpurarum usus' of ib. 42. Kiessling recalls the way in which Verres (Cic. Verr. 2. 4. 26. 59) made the wealthy ladies in Sicily perform this office for him: 'Nulla domus in Sicilia locuples fuit ubi iste non textrinum instituerit,' &c.

9. **fides**, 'honesty.'

10. **benigna vena**, A. P. 409 'divite vena': the metaphor is from mining.

11. **me petit**, 'seeks my friendship.'

14. **unicis Sabinis**, 'my single Sabine farm'; Haupt (Opusc. 3. 578), referring to Lachmann as having explained it to him, points out that the Latin usage, in speaking of an estate when the subst. 'fundus' or 'praedium' is omitted, is to use the name of the people in the plural. He quotes Od. 3. 4. 21 'in arduos tollor Sabinos.' See also Mayor's note on Pliny, Epp. 3. 4 'cum in Tuscos excucurrissem.' With the 'satis beatus' cp. Epod. 1. 31 'Satis superque me benignitas tua Ditavit.' A Sabine farm did not rank very high in value, cp. Catull. 44. 1 'O funde noster seu Sabine, seu Tiburs, Nam te esse Tiburtem autumant, quibus non est Cordi Catullum laedere: at quibus cordi est, Quovis Sabinum pignore esse contendunt.'

15. **truditur dies die**, 'day treads on the heel of day,' Epod. 17. 25 'urget diem nox et dies noctem'; Ter. Andr. 4. 4. 40 'fallacia alia aliam trudit.' Conington suggests that this thought refers back to what precedes as well as on to what follows. The flight of time and the nearness of death are the things which give its point to the comparison of the two pictures.

16. **pergunt interire**, as soon as they are new they begin to wane; the infinitive after 'pergo' is found in prose.

17. **tu**. He singles out an imaginary subject for the second picture, and addresses him (using the second person as he has used the first for the sake of vividness, though he is describing a class) as though his crimes were acting before our eyes. Cp. 3. 24. 1-8.

secanda, probably of cutting the marble into slabs for the pavement, walls, &c. This was looked upon as a great invention of luxury, see Plin. N. H. 36. 6 'Primum marmoreos parietes habuit scaena M. Scauri aedilis, non facile dixerim sectos an solidis glebis positos: nondum enim secti marmoris vestigia in Italia. Sed quisquis primum invenit secare luxuriamque dividere importuni ingenii fuit.'

18. **locas**, enter into contracts with the 'redemptor,' Od. 3. 1. 35, Epp. 2. 2. 72.

20. **urges**, for the common accusative, such as 'opus,' Hor. substitutes the infinitive, of the work which is pressed on with this perseverance.

21. **summovere litora**, to thrust the shore back, bid it move further on.

22. 'Not rich enough to thy taste in the possession of the shore of the mainland.' Horace is speaking of the practice of building out into the sea as in Od. 3. 1. 33 foll., 3. 24. 3. The foundations of such building are still to be seen along the coast at Baiae.

continente is also taken as 'adjoining.' Orelli supports the present use by Liv. 44. 28 'continenti litore.'

ripa, of the seashore, as in 3. 27. 23.

23. **quid quod**, used always to introduce some stronger argument or charge. Here it is equivalent to 'Nay, worse!'

usque proximos, τοὺς ἀεὶ ὁμόρους.

24. **revellis**, Fest. in v. Terminus 'Numa Pompilius statuit eum qui terminum exararet et ipsum et boves sacrum esse.'

25. **clientium**. Virgil places among the blackest crimes punished in Tartarus 'fraus innexa clienti,' Aen. 6. 609. Cp. the law of the Twelve Tables, 'Patronus si clienti fraudem fecerit sacer esto.'

26. **salis**, of the levity with which the crime is committed, as if the client's right was no obstacle at all. Compare the use of 'transilire,' 1. 3. 24, 1. 18. 7.

pellitur, the construction of the singular is to be classed with those collected on 1. 3. 10.

27, 28. **deos... natos**. It is all that is left to them. 'Paternos' gives the additional aggravation that the home they are driven

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from is where their fathers dwelt before them. 'Sordidos' makes the case harder by noting their poverty.

29. 'Yet no mansion more certainly awaits the wealthy master than that one traced out for him by the limit of Orcus greedy as himself.' 'Destinata' agrees with an ablative 'aula,' understood. Conington points out that the phraseology, 'aula,' 'destinata,' 'rapacis,' is chosen so as to suggest a comparison between Death and the 'dives erus' himself (see on 3. 24. 5), 'Meantime Death more punctual than any contractor, more greedy than any encroaching proprietor, has planned with his measuring-line a mansion of a different kind, which will infallibly be ready when the day arrives.'

30. **Orci fine.** Ritter takes this as a local ablative = 'in finibus Orci,' quoting for the singular, Od. 1. 34. 11 'Atlanteus finis.' It is more probably instrumental, 'by the limit of Orcus' being equivalent to 'by Orcus, who sets a limit to all things.' 'Mors ultima linea rerum,' Epp. 1. 16. 79. There may be a remembrance of the Gr. *τέλος θανάτοιο*. That it should interfere to some extent with the personification would not, in interpreting Horace, be a fatal objection (see on 1. 35. 21, 2. 16. 21), but perhaps the limit which Death sets to life and its plans may be allowed to stand for the measuring-rod with which he traces the place and bounds of the mansion which he prepares for the living. 'Destinare' is especially used of tracing out the site for a building. Bentley quotes the Culex 391 'Conformare locum capit impiger, hunc et in orbem Destinat.'

Other ways of taking the lines are: (1) to make 'destinata' agree with 'fine' in the sense of 'than the end of Orcus already traced for him'; (2) to take 'destinata' as a nominative with 'aula,' 'no house that he has planned awaits him more surely than the end of Orcus'; (3) with Bentley to understand 'certior' of the comparative certainty of death to the rich and the poor. 'Nulla certior (h. e. non certior) aula manet divitem erum [quam pauperem clientem] designata et descripta termino ipsius Orci (h. e. aequae spatiosa ac ipse Orcus).' All these sacrifice a good deal of the personification of Orcus, which seems to be implied in the remainder of the Ode, Bentley's most of all, so much so that he wishes to read 'capacis.' It is to be observed that his interpretation really necessitates this change, and this necessity is fatal to it. Death must, on his view, be represented as a *boon*, otherwise the sentence should have run 'non certior manet pauperem quam divitem.'

32. **quid ultra tendis** recalls the 'fine,' 'Death has set the limit, why do you try to overpass it?'

32-end. 'Nothing excludes and nothing exempts.' The equality is enforced in the first clause by the opposition, 'the pauper and the prince'; in the second by the accumulation of the qualities that might be expected to make a difference, 'no wit, no wealth'; in the third and fourth by the double contrast (which has a direct

application to the oppressor) between proud Tantalus and his mythic race who would escape death if they could, and the poor man who looks to it as the end of his toils. The matter is clenched by the suggestion of the last line that even for the poor man it is no matter of choice.

35. *Promethea*, see on 2. 13. 37. We seem to have a fresh point added to the legend here. The 'satelles Orci' is Charon, as appears from the verb 'revexit.'

36. *hic*, Orcus. 'Vocatus,' &c., would hardly suit Charon.

38. *levare*, after 'vocatus.'

40. The form is like Thucyd. I. 118 *αὐτὸς* (Apollo) *ἔφη ξυλλί-ψεσθαι καὶ παρακαλούμενος καὶ ἄκλητος*. Halm (in the third edition of Orelli) suggests that Horace was thinking of Aesop's fable of the old man and Death, though the point there is different.

ODE XIX

THE poet imagines himself (vv. 1-4) to have come, while wandering in the hills, on Bacchus amidst the Nymphs and Satyrs. He describes dramatically (as though he felt them at the moment) the effects of the sight: the fresh terror (*χαλεποὶ δὲ θεοὶ φαίνεσθαι ἐναργεῖς*, Hom. II. 20. 131), the rush of inspiration; delightful, yet half painful, from its tumultuous excitement. Then he finds the way of relief. He may sing the praises of Bacchus; of his power to bless those whom he loved and destroy his enemies; his power over inanimate nature, over noxious beasts, over the giants, over the monsters of Hades.

Compare Od. 3. 25. They both seem to be attempts to catch something of the inspiration of a Greek dithyramb. That Ode has a purpose; the present one is a mere study. There is no reason to believe that it is a reproduction of any single original. The art of its composition, the climax through which the celebration of Bacchus' triumph rises, and the studiously quiet conclusion after the abrupt bursts of the beginning, as though the strained mind had found relief and the 'turbida laetitia' run itself clear, are Horatian rather than Greek.

Dill^r. suggests that Horace had been lately reading Euripides' *Bacchae*. That he had read it is pretty certain.

1. *remotis*, absolute, 'far away from the ways of men.'

rupibus: he is a mountain god, Soph. O. T. 1105.

2. *credite posteri*, cp. Epod. 9. 11 'posteri negabitis.'

3. *auris acutas*. The epithet is for the eye; 'the sharp-pointed ears.' That the Satyrs were listening is implied in the selection of their ears as the part which the poet saw. For the Nymphs and Satyrs in this conjunction see I. 1. 31 'Nympharumque leves cum Satyris chori.'

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6. **turbidum laetatur.** Meineke compares an expression of Pherecrates, Fr. 2 γελῶντα καὶ χαίροντα καὶ τεθολωμένον.

7. **parce Liber.** He prays the god to moderate the violence of the overmastering ἐνθουσιασμός, not to strike him with the terrible thyrsus, the blows of which inspired the Bacchic frenzy.

9. **fas . . . est.** Bentley was dissatisfied with the boldness of this assertion following on the 'trepidat' and 'parce,' and wished to read 'sit.' But see what has been said in the Introduction to the Ode. It is the expression of joy at finding a vent for his overwrought feelings.

pervicaces, 'untiring.'

Thyiadas (from θύειν), a name of the Bacchantes.

Cp. Eur. Bacch. 706 foll. "Ἀλλῇ δὲ νάρθηκ' ἐς πέδον καθῆκε γῆς, | καὶ τῇδε κρήνην ἐξανῆκ' οἶνον θεός· | ὅσαις δὲ λευκοῦ πώματος πόθος παρῆν, | ἄκροισι δακτύλοισι διαμῶσαι χθόνα | γάλακτος ἔσμούς· εἶχον· ἐκ δὲ κισσίνων | θύρσων γλυκεῖαι μέλιτος ἔσταζον ῥοαί. See also ib. 142.

11. **truncis cavis.** The resemblance to the passage just quoted from Eur. Bacch. makes it very probable that 'trunci' is used here of the hollow thyrsus. If it is of the trunks of trees, compare the golden age in Virg. E. 4. 30, when 'duræ quercus sudabunt roscida mella.'

13. **beatae,** predicative. The song is to be of Ariadne's apotheosis, as well as of the transformation of her crown into a star.

14. **honorem,** her ornament, her crown, the 'Gnosia ardentis stella coronae,' Virg. G. 1. 222. See the story in Ov. Met. 8. 176. For the use of 'honos' cp. Virg. Aen. 7. 814 'regius ostro Velet honos umeros.'

tecta Penthei, Eur. Bacch. 633 δώματ' ἔρρηξεν χαμάζε· συντεθράνεται δ' ἅπαν.

16. **Lycurgi,** Hom. Il. 6. 130 foll., Soph. Ant. 955.

17. This refers to his conquest of India. The powers of nature aided him in the enterprise; the Orontes and Hydaspes turned their streams at the touch of his thyrsus that he might cross them, and the sea grew calm before him. Nonnus, Dionysiaca 13. 123.

flectis can only be used of 'mare' by a zeugma.

barbarum, sc. 'Rubrum vel Indicum.'

18. **separatis,** as 'remotis,' v. 1.

uvidus, opposed to 'siccus,' 4. 5. 39; βεβρεγμένος, μέθη βρεχθεῖς, Eur. El. 326.

20. **Bistonidum.** The Bistones (fem. Bistonis, plur. Bistonides) were a tribe of Thrace, a chief home of the Dionysiac cultus. Bacchus is represented as twisting vipers in their hair without injury to himself or them ('sine fraude,' cp. Carm. S. 41). Cp. Eur. Bacch. 101 foll.

23. **Rhoetum,** 3. 4. 55. Nauck thinks that Rhoetus owes his selection to the assonance 'Rhoetum retorsisti.'

leonis, actually in the form of a lion. See Hom. Hymn. 6. 44, Eur. Bacch. 1019 φάνηθι . . . πυριφλέγων ὀράσθαι λέων.

25. *quamquam*, qualifying what precedes, 'and yet.' 'Sed' is again adversative to this concession.

28. *mediusque*. The 'que' misplaced, as in v. 32; see on 1. 30. 6. It is a question whether 'idem' or 'medius' is the main predicate. In the former case the verse will mean, 'Thou wast the same (i.e. equally vigorous and successful) in the midst of peace and in the midst of war.' In the latter we must interpret with Orelli, 'medius' = 'midway between peace and war,' meaning 'equally adapted for peace and war.' No real parallel has been quoted for the expression; the sense is the same as Virgil's '*pacisque bonas bellicae ministras*,' Aen. 11. 658, quoted by Orelli.

29. *insons*, without attempting to harm you.

aureo cornu, as Bacchus is represented on the stage, Eur. Bacch. 920-922. Cp. ib. 100 *ταυρόκερως*, Anth. P. 9. 524 *χρυσόκερως*.

30. *atterens*, wagging his tail, moving it from side to side on the ground—*σαίνων*—in pleased recognition at Bacchus' approach; or = '*atterens tibi*,' of a dog rubbing itself against a master or friend. It is not the same action as Virgil's '*caudamque remulcens subiecit pavitantem utero*' (Aen. 11. 812) of a wolf slinking away in terror.

31. *trilingui ore*, probably the tongue of each of his three mouths, as Virgil's '*latratu trifauci*,' Aen. 6. 417. See on 2. 13. 33. For the intentional dullness of this stanza see Introd. and cp. the end of 3. 5 and 4. 2.

ODE XX

'HORACE will stay no longer on earth; he will mount into the clear air of heaven and laugh at his detractors. He whom the envious world despises, but whom Maecenas loves, will not die the common death of men. Already he feels himself changing to a swan. All the world shall see him and hear his music: funeral rites have no meaning for him.'

I accept the suggestion of Plüss (Horaz Studien, p. 179 f.) that Horace speaks as from his funeral pyre, his friends standing round and Maecenas as chief mourner. This gives a better sense than any yet proposed to v. 6, it softens any grotesqueness in the supposed metamorphosis, and it gives full force to the last stanza.

The point taken is then exactly the same as in Ennius' epitaph on himself which is clearly in Horace's mind:

'*Nemo me lacrimis decoret, neque funera fletu
faxit. Cur? voluto vivus per ora virum.*'

Compare Virgil's imitation of the same (G. 3. 8):

'*Temptanda via est, qua me quoque possim
tollere humo victorque virum volitare per ora.*'

The Ode doubtless owes its place at the end of a Book to its general reference to Horace and his poetic fame; but it hardly

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looks as if it had been written for such a purpose, as *Od.* 3. 30, *Epp.* 1. 20. Its feeling seems really to lie in vv. 4-8.

He has not risen to feel his humble origin itself a distinction as in 3. 30.

1. *non usitata*, 'quia primus Romanae fidicen lyrae,' Orelli.

2. *biformis*, a poet and yet a swan.

liquidum, 'clear,' opposed to the damp and heavy atmosphere of earth. Cp. 'udam spernit humum,' 3. 2. 24.

4. *invidiaque maior*, above the range of envy. For the use of 'que' after a negative clause see on 1. 27. 16, 2. 12. 9.

5. *urbis* = the haunts of men.

pauperum sanguis parentum, the very words of the 'invidi,' as *Sat.* 1. 6. 46 'Nunc ad me redeo libertino patre natum, Quem rodunt omnes libertino patre natum.' 'Sanguis,' as 'regius sanguis,' 3. 27. 65; 'sanguis deorum,' 4. 2. 13.

6. *quem vocas*. In the interpretation adopted of the Ode these words refer to the solemn calling on the dead, 'voce vocare,' *Virg. Aen.* 3. 68, 6. 506, &c. This alone gives a substantial meaning to 'vocas' used absolutely. The attempts to make it = 'ad te vocas,' 'you invite,' as used of the living, always end in bathos. The alternatives are (1) to take it with 'dilecte,' separating that from 'Maecenas,' 'whom thou callest "dear friend."' To the name given him by the envious crowd, he opposes that given him by the one whose judgement he most values. This is the interpretation of the Scholiast, and of recent editors it has Munro's support. Cp. Maecenas' expression of affection for Horace in the epigram preserved in the Suetonian life of the poet: 'Ni te visceribus meis Horati Plus iam diligo,' &c. It must be confessed that the separation of 'dilecte' from 'Maecenas' is harsh; and that such passages as *Ov. Am.* 1. 7. 19 'Quis mihi non "demens," quis non mihi "barbare" dixit?' do not reach the boldness of the vocative in this place. (2) to adopt Bentley's conj. 'quem vocant'—'as they call me,' the 'non ego' being repeated with something of the defiant tone of *Sat.* 1. 6. 46.

8. *cohibebor*, 2. 14. 9.

9. 'The skin roughens and shrinks to my legs, as they also shrink into the legs of a bird'; 'pelles,' proleptically, as it is the word for the skin of the swan, not of the human subject: see on *Epod.* 17. 22. Notice the antithetical '*asperae . . . leves*': see on 1. 36. 16.

11. *superne*. The *e* is short, as in *Lucr.* 6. 543 and 596: see Wagner's *Plaut. Aulul. Introd.* p. xxiii.

13. *notior*, the reading with the greatest MS. support, including that of B. The alternative is 'ocior.' The hiatus in that case, if it is to be defended, must be defended by the same considerations as 'periret' in 3. 5. 17, viz. that the caesura separates two parts of an asynartete verse. Bentley proposed 'tutior' (and he is followed by Lachmann and by Kiessling), not to avoid the hiatus, but on the

ground that Horace would have felt the bare comparison of his flight to that of Icarus to be ill-omened. Cp. 4. 2. 2 foll. But it is not here as there an effort of his genius, which might be unsuccessful, of which he is speaking. He says that by his poetic fame he will be known to further regions than if he had the wings of Icarus. The fate of Icarus is not in question. 'Daedaleo,' not a needless patronymic; but i. q. 'ope Daedalea,' 4. 2. 2, 'Icarus, who had Daedalus to make wings for him.'

14. **gementis**, 2. 13. 14, 3. 4. 30. The names seem to be selected, as Dill^r. remarks, in stanza 4 as those of strange and barbarous peoples, in stanza 5 for distance—east, north, west.

15. **canorus ales**. The 'white' (v. 10) and 'tuneful' bird is not named, but is clearly the swan. Cp. 4. 3. 19 'O mutis quoque piscibus Donatura cycni, si libeat, sonum'; ib. 2. 25 'Dircaeum cycnum'; Virg. E. 9. 27.

17. **dissimulat**, fears, though he tries to hide his fear.

19. **peritus**. A distinction seems to be drawn between the Spaniard and Gaul as already 'periti,' and the barbarous Colchian, &c. Kiessling points out that the climax 'noscent,' 'discet' favours this.

20. **Rhodani potor**. For the form of expression see on 3. 10. 1: cp. 4. 15. 21.

21. **inani funere**, there must be no dirge, for there is none to bury.

24. **supervacuus**, 'unmeaning.' The word is not found before Horace; Cicero uses 'supervacaneus.'

LIBER TERTIUS

ODE I

‘HEAR the teaching of the Muses, ye that are fit to receive it. All human greatness is bounded. Kings are above us, but Jove is above kings; men may differ in wealth and rank, but Death makes no distinction. To one who has the sword of Damocles above his head no feasts will taste sweet, no music bring sleep; yet sleep may be had in peasants’ cots or on a shady river bank. Moderate your desires. It is not the desire for what life needs that puts the trader’s happiness at the mercy of a stormy sea, or the farmer’s at the mercy of the weather. The rich proprietor, weary of the sameness of the dry land, builds houses out into the sea; but fear and conscience and care are not to be escaped; marbles and purple and costly wines can’t take away a pang. Don’t ask me, then, to change my happy Sabine valley for a palace that will only bring on me envy, and wealth that only increases trouble.’

The exordium suits the beginning of a Book, and also indicates that the Ode or Odes which follow have some special dignity. The sequence of six Odes in the same metre, and dealing with the same general subject, is by itself sufficiently different from the poet’s usual practice to attract remark. Diomedes, in his account of Horace’s metres, treats them as one continuous poem, numbering Ode 7 as 2; and both MSS. and Scholiasts are inclined to press, beyond the bounds of probability, the connexion between one Ode and another (see *Introd.* to Ode 3, and note on 4. 1). The unity, however, of general purpose is obvious. The ends social, moral, religious, political, which a good government would set before itself in Rome are reviewed, and it is more than once promised that Caesar’s régime is to compass them.

This need not, however, imply that the Odes were all composed at the same time, and consciously as a series. The invocation of the Muse at the beginning of the fourth is more natural in an independent Ode. The sixth seems to be earlier than the rest. The references of vv. 13–16 are more easily explained if the ‘bellum Actiacum’ was still recent, and the tone is more pessimistic than that of the other five. It dwells on the evils without foreseeing the remedy as they do. On the other hand, the indications of date in the fourth (vv. 33–38) lead us rather to Augustus’ campaign in Spain B. C. 25.

1–4. ‘The crowd of men and women are beyond my teaching; listen to me, maidens and boys.’ This idea is partly clothed in the

language of a hierophant bidding the uninitiate avaunt at the commencement of mysteries. We must not, however, look for the metaphor in every word of the stanza. It is the epithet 'profanum' that seems first to suggest it. As the mysteries are those of the Muses, the vehicle of their proclamation will be 'carmina.' The audience are to be 'virgines puerique,' not because the chorus that sang hymns in honour of a god (Carm. S. 6) must be so composed, for this would be to introduce a second metaphor; but because it was to the young and simple that the poet would address his precepts of moderate living, of courage, justice and piety. We seem to have an echo, and an interpretation, of the imagery of this place in Epp. i. 19. 32 foll. 'Hunc [sc. Alcaeum] ego, non alio dictum prius ore, Latinus Vulgavi fidicen. iuvat immemorata ferentem Ingenuis oculisque legi manibusque teneri.' Verses 1, 2 contain the two proclamations customary at solemn rites, the first to warn away improper hearers, ἔκας ἔκας ὅστις ἀλιτρός, Callim. H. in Apoll. 2, 'Procul O procul este profani,' Virg. Aen. 6. 258; the second enjoining a sacred silence on those that remained, Arist. Thesm. 39 εὐφημος πᾶς ἔστω λεώς, στόμα συγκλείσας, Tibull. 2. 2. 1 'Dicamus bona verba . . . Quisquis ades lingua vir mulierque fave,' Virg. Aen. 5. 71 'Ore favete omnes.' Cp. especially Arist. Ran. 353 foll. Εὐφημεῖν χρὴ καέλιστασθαι τοῖς ἡμετέροισι χοροῖσιν, | ὅστις ἀπειρος τοιῶνδε λόγων ἢ γνώμη μὴ καθαρεύει, | ἢ γεναίων ὄργια Μουσῶν μὴτ' εἶδεν μὴτ' ἐχόρευσεν κτλ.

2. **non prius audita.** The initiated are to receive a new revelation. The metaphor, if we are to interpret it, would seem to include the two ideas, that the Odes which follow are to be of a higher mood than their predecessors, and that the wisdom which they convey is strange to the age.

3. **Musarum sacerdos,** a natural description of a poet. Theoc. 16. 29 Μουσῶν ἱεροὺς ὑποφῆτας, Virg. G. 2. 175 'Musae quarum sacra fero.'

5. **proprius,** each over his own flock; i. e. his sway is limited. **greges,** because kings are ποιμένες λαῶν. For the construction 'imperium est in greges' cp. 4. 4. 2 'regnum in avis.' Orelli quotes Plaut. Men. 5. 7. 11 'Si quod imperi est in te mihi.'

7, 8. 'Of Jove, whose glory and power dwarf those of the greatest kings.'

8. **supercilio,** after Hom. Il. 1. 528 ἡ καὶ κυανέησιν ἐπ' ὀφρύσι νεύσε Κρονίων . . . μέγαν δ' ἐλέλιξεν Ὀλυμπον, Virg. Aen. 10. 115.

9-14. 'Men may differ in fortune during life. One possesses broad acres; another, if he is a candidate for office, can offer high birth; a third is a "novus homo," but has higher personal reputation; a fourth has a larger number of clients on whose votes he can reckon.'

9. **est ut,** 'it may be that,' as 'non est ut,' Epp. i. 12. 2. It is needless with Bentley to alter to 'esto.' The concessions are balanced in the apodosis 'aequa lege,' &c.

viro vir, 'man than man,' but they do not thereby rise above

the conditions of humanity. Cp. the same emphasis on ἀνὴρ in Soph. O. T. 498 foll. ὁ μὲν οὖν Ζεὺς ὁ τ' Ἀπόλλων ξυνετοὶ καὶ τὰ βροτῶν | εἰδότες ἀνδρῶν δ' ὅτι μάντις πλέον ἢ γὰρ φέρεται, | κρίσις οὐκ ἔστιν ἀληθής· σοφία δ' ἂν σοφίαν | παραμείψειεν ἀνὴρ.

latius, i. e. 'per ampliore fundum.'

10. **arbusta**, the trees on which vines are to be trained. **ordinet sulcis** describes the usual mode of planting them. 'Pone ordine vitis,' Virg. E. 1. 74, 'plantas deposuit sulcis,' G. 2. 24.

11. **descendat**, an habitual word with a Roman of rank for going from his own house, which would be on one of the heights, to the forum, the Campus Martius, &c. Cic. Phil. 2. 6 'Hodie non descendit Antonius.' Probably, also, with some feeling of the idiomatic use of 'descendere,' as καθίκειν, κατελθεῖν, 'in aciem,' 'in dimicationem,' 'apud Actium descendenti in aciem,' Suet. Oct. 96.

14. **Necessitas**, 1. 35. 17, 3. 24. 6.

15. **sortitur**, 'casts lots about,' 'decides their fate by lot.' Virg. Aen. 3. 376 'sortitur fata deum rex.'

16. **capax urna**, 2. 3. 25 foll.

17. **super impia cervice**, see on 1. 15. 19 'adulteros crinis.' The wicked man has, in his conscience, as it were a sword of Damocles hanging over his head which spoils all pleasure to him. The reference is to the acted parable by which, according to Cic. Tusc. 5. 21, Dionysius proved to his flatterer Damocles 'nihil esse ei beatum cui semper aliquis terror impendat.'

18. **non elaborabunt**, for all the labour spent on them, they will not procure him the taste of sweetness.

Siculae dapes, 'a banquet such as was set before Damocles'; 'conquisitissimae epulae,' Cic. l. c. Sicilian banquets were famed, Plat. Rep. 3, p. 404 D Συρακοσίαν τράπεζαν καὶ Σικελικὴν ποικιλίαν ὄψου.

20. **avium**, of the aviaries of singing birds, a luxury of Roman houses. See Plin. N. H. 10. 72, 17. 6.

21. **reducent**; as if sleep had fled from him and refused to return.

agrestium virorum, the genitive seems, as Orelli says, to be constructed ἀπὸ κοινοῦ with 'somnus' and 'domos.' See on 1. 3. 5.

22. **humilis**, 'low-roofed,' as 'humilis casas,' Virg. E. 2. 29.

24. **Tempe**, for any valley, as, in a similar connexion, Virg. G. 2. 469 'At frigida Tempe, Mugitusque boum mollesque sub arbore somni.'

25-28. 'Nature wants little. He who limits his desires to that will not have ships on every sea, so that every storm should disquiet him; nor large vineyards and farms, so that hail or drought should ruin him.'

26. **Epod.** 2. 6 'neque horret iratum mare.'

27. **Arcturi impetus**. Virg. G. 1. 204 joins him with the Haedi, as marking a stormy time of year; 'IV Kal. Nov. Arcturus vespere occidit: ventosus dies,' Columel. 11. 2.

28. **Haedi**, Virg. Aen. 9. 668 'Quantus ab occasu veniens pluvialibus Haedis Verberat imber humum.'

29-32. Cp. Epp. i. 8. 4 foll. 'Haud quia grando Contuderit vitis oleamque momorderit aestus,' &c. The farm has broken its promise of yield (cp. Epp. i. 7. 87 'spem mentita seges,' and contrast Od. 3. 16. 30 'segetis certa fides'), and the fruit-trees are represented as always able ('nunc,' 'nunc,' 'nunc') to excuse themselves, and throw the blame on the weather.

32. *sidera*, the heat attributed to the Dogstar. Epod. 16. 61 'nullius instri Gregem aestuosa torret impotentia.'

33. *contracta pisces*, &c. Various taken of the 'piscinae marinae' in which the fish find themselves enclosed, and of the sea at large, which is represented as narrowed by the number of villas built into it. The latter is more probable, and the hyperbole is not greater than 3. 24. i.

34. *iactis molibus*; cp. the description of the process in Virg. Aen. 9. 710 foll. 'Talis in Euboico Baiarum litore quondam Saxea pila cadit, magnis quam molibus ante Constructam ponto jaciunt,' &c.

huc, into the space enclosed by the masses of masonry that have been let down into the water.

35. *caementa* are the rough stones and rubble used for filling the cavities of walls in the foundations of buildings. Horace represents the builder ('redemptor'), with a large staff of assistants ('frequens'), the servants of the owner ('famulis'), and the owner himself, as all engaged in hurrying on the work.

36. *terrae fastidiosus*, like 'parum locuples continente ripa,' 2. 18. 22, except that here it is the sense of weariness, there of greed, that is prominent.

37. *Minae*, the forebodings of his own imagination.

38. *scandunt*, they can clamber into the villa built out in the water, by the same entrance as the master.

neque decedit, &c., the marine villa is lost in the general idea of the impossibility of flying from care. With the whole stanza cp. 2. 16. 21 foll. and see note there. The reminiscence of Lucretius (2. 47 foll.) is more evident in this place than in that. 'Timor et Minae' recalls 'metus hominum, curaeque sequaces,' and in the following stanza we may hear the echo of 'neque fulgorem reverentur ab auro, Nec clarum vestis splendorem purpureai.'

41. *quodsi*, &c. The application of the moral professedly to himself, really to those whose desires are not as moderate.

dolentem, in body or mind. Cp. Epp. i. 2. 46 foll. 'Quod satis est cui contingit nihil amplius optet. Non domus et fundus, non aeris acervus et auri Aegroto domini deduxit corpore febris, Non animo curas.'

Phrygius lapis, a famous marble, white with red spots, brought from Synnada in Phrygia. Cp. esp. Stat. Silv. i. 5. 37.

43. *usus*, like other expressions of the Ode, seems to be due to Virg. G. 2. 466 'Nec casia liquidi corrumpitur usus olivi.' Conington (in loc.) points out that the two constructions are not exactly parallel. The 'wearing of purple' is the subject of 'delenit' in

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sense as well as grammar ; but the *hypallage* which makes 'sidere clarior' agree with 'usus' rather than with 'purpurarum' (cp. 3. 21. 19 'iratos regum apices,' and Epod. 10. 12 and 14), is the same as that by which Virgil attributes to the 'usus olivi' the adulteration which happened to the oil itself.

44. **Achaemenium**, Persian. See on 2. 12. 21.

45. **invidendis**, 2. 10. 7 'caret invidenda Sobrius aula.'

novo ritu, 'after the modern fashion.' Cp. Od. 2. 15. 10-20, 2. 18. 1-5. The 'atrium' was the reception-room of a great house (cp. Epp. 1. 5. 31 'Atria servantem postico falle clientem'), and the chief care was spent on its adornment ; so that the ideas of the two lines will be exactly parallel to Virg. G. 2. 461-463 'Si non ingentem foribus domus alta superbis Mane salutantum totis vomit aedibus undam, Nec varios inhiant pulchra testudine postis.'

47. **permutem**, for construction see on 1. 17. 2 'Lucretilem mutat Lycaeo.'

ODE II

A PICTURE of the old Roman character for the imitation of the young. Compare with it Od. 4. 9. 34 to end. 'Hardness, to be learnt early in the school of actual warfare—courage—virtue, self-involved and independent of popular rewards-- the power of silence.'

1. **amice pati**. An extension of the more common 'lente ferre,' 'clementer ferre,' Cic. 'Amice' is the reading of all the oldest MSS. The words of Acr. 'Hanc oden ad amicos generaliter scribit' would not necessarily imply, as Bentley argues, that he read 'amici,' but that he took 'amice' for a vocative, and as an address not to a special friend, but to any that should read the Ode.

2. **robustus**, predicative, so that it = 'ita ut robustus fiat,' and the epithets 'robustus,' 'acri' answer to one another in Horace's manner. 'A boy should learn to bear and welcome the restraints of poverty, and grow hardy in the sharp school of warfare.'

4. **vexet**, 4. 14. 23 'impiger hostium vexare turmas.'

6. **hosticis**, for the form see on 2. 1. 1 'civicum.' For the picture of the wife and daughter looking from the wall on the combat cp. Hom. Il. 3. 154 foll., 22. 462 foll., Virg. Aen. 11. 475.

8. **adulta**, sc. 'nubilis.'

9. **eheu**, her sigh as she breathes the prayer 'ne,' &c.

10. **sponsus regius**, 'accipiendum de alius regis foederati filio, ut Coroebus (Virg. Aen. 2. 341) propter Cassandram Troiam venerat,' Orelli.

asperum tactu, 'dangerous to rouse,' 'aspera tigris,' 1. 23. 9.

11. **cruenta**, that makes its way in blood.

13. Tyrt. 7. 1 Τεθνάμενι γὰρ καλὸν ἐνὶ προμάχοισι πεσόντα | ἄνδρ' ἀγαθὸν περὶ ἧ πατρίδι μαρνόμενον.

14. **mors**, taking up the last word 'mori.' *Death* the coward

cannot escape, though he may refuse 'the death for his country which is sweet and beautiful.' The verse seems like a translation of Simonides (§ 65. ed. Bergk) ὁ δ' αὖ θάνατος κίχῃ καὶ τὸν φυγόμαχον.

virum, used apparently with no emphasis, as 'agrestium viro-
rum,' 3. 1. 21.

16. **timido tergo**, see on 1. 15. 19.

17-20. 'The virtuous man cannot know the disgrace of defeat (not merely he cannot be disgraced, he cannot be defeated). And the honours (high offices) which he gains have no stain on them as is the case with those gained in the Comitia.' These two paradoxes are explained by a third, 'the consulship which he fills is neither taken up nor resigned in accordance with the shifting wind of popular favour.' In the same strain Horace tells Lollius that his soul is 'Consul non unius anni Sed quotiens bonus atque fidus Iudex honestum praetulit utili,' 4. 9. 39. He has clothed in Roman language the Stoic paradox that the wise man is always a king, cp. Epp. 1. 1. 107, Sat. 1. 3. 136, and see on Od. 2. 2. 9. Compare the exposition of it in Cicero, Acad. Quaest. 4. 44, and the anecdote which he tells, 'Albinum qui tum praetor esset, cum Carneades et Stoicus Diogenes ad Senatum in Capitolio starent, iocantem Carneadi dixisse: Ego tibi praetor esse non videor quia sapiens non sum . . . tum ille, Huic Stoico non videris.'

17. **repulsae**, the technical word for losing an election.

18. **intaminatis**, an ἀπαξ λεγ., but formed naturally from the obsolete 'tamino' (Fest. s. v.), found in 'contamino,' 'attamino.'

fulget, cp. 3. 16. 31 'Fulgentem imperio fertilis Africae.'

20. **popularis aurae**, a common metaphor; 'ventus popularis,' Cic. Clu. 47. 130, 'aura favoris popularis,' Liv. 22. 26. In Virgil's 'gaudens popularibus auris,' Aen. 6. 817, the idea is of a favouring wind, here it is of the changeableness of the wind. Compare the uses of πνεῦμα and πνοή.

21. Compare the epigram of Simonides on those that fell with Leonidas (§ 98. ed. Bergk) Οὐδὲ τεθνᾶσι θανόντες, ἐπεὶ σφ' ἀρετὴ καθύπερθε | κυδαίνουσ' ἀνάγει δώματος ἐξ Ἀΐδew, Virg. Aen. 9. 641 'Macte nova virtute, puer; sic itur ad astra,' 6. 130 'ardens evexit ad aethera virtus' (with Conington's note). It is here at least only an immortality of fame that is promised. Cp. 3. 30. 6 'Non omnis moriar,' 4. 8. 28 'Dignum laude virum Musa vetat mori: Caelo Musa beat,' with the verses before and after.

22. **negata**, 'pennis non homini datis,' 1. 3. 35. There is no way, but Virtue makes one. Ovid, probably imitating this, Met. 14. 113 'Invia virtuti nulla est via.'

temptat iter, probably from Virg. G. 3. 8 'Temptanda via est qua me quoque possim Tollere humo,' as that is from Ennius.

23. **udam**, opp. to 'liquidum aethera,' 2. 20. 2, &c.

25. The self-restraint that can keep a secret is praised as one of the old Roman virtues. Compare 1. 18. 16 'arcani Fides prodiga,' Sat. 1. 4. 84 'commissa tacere Qui nequit, hic niger est,' &c. and

Vulteius over Philippus' wine, 'dicenda tacenda locutus,' Epp. i. 7. 72. The wording is apparently from the verse of Simonides (§ 66) ἔστι καὶ σιγᾶς ἀκίνδυνον γέρας, which Plutarch (Apophth. Reg. et Imp., Aug. 7) mentions Augustus as quoting. The mysteries of Ceres are used merely as an illustration.

27-30. Cp. Aesch. S. c. T. 602 foll. Ἡ γὰρ ξυνεισβὰς πλοῖον εὐσεβὴς ἀνὴρ | ναῦταισι θερμοῖς καὶ πανουργία τινὶ | ὄλωλεν ἀνδρῶν σὺν θεοπτύστῳ γένει, and the same idea in Soph. Ant. 372, Eur. El. 1354, Xen. Cyrop. 8. i. 9.

29. **Diespiter**, see on i. 34. 5. The archaic name is said to be specially appropriate here as having been used in solemn formulae, as when Ζεὺς ὄρκιος was called to witness treaties or vows.

30. **incesto**, i. 12. 59 'parum castis,' Carm. S. 42 'castus,' of impurity contracted whether by ceremonial or moral faults.

32. **deseruit**, 'has given up the pursuit.'

pede claudo. Retribution is ὑστερόποινος, ὑστεροφθόρος, in the Greek poets. Her 'halting foot' seems to be Horace's own; possibly he had in his eyes Homer's description of the λιταί who limp after the steps of Ἄρη, Il. 9. 503.

ODE III

'*De Iustitia et Constantia.*' *Firmness of purpose* is characterized in vv. 1-8. It is the virtue by which Pollux and Hercules, and Augustus and Bacchus, rose to heaven, by which Romulus overcame the opposition of Juno, and won immortality for himself and world-wide empire for Rome. *Justice* is not absent from the early stanzas of the Ode, for it is as just as well as a firm purpose which is glorified in them; but it is the keynote of Juno's speech, vv. 18-68. She yields to the persevering purpose of Romulus and of Rome. Her wrath was against the 'periura Priami domus,' the 'unjust judge,' v. 19, the promise-breaker, v. 22, the violator of the laws of hospitality and of marriage, v. 25. They have been punished, and she is satisfied. As long as beasts of the field hide their whelps on the tombs of Priam and Paris, the Capitol may stand in its glory. Rome may extend her sway over the world, only let her leave gold in the mine, send her citizens to the world's end in search of empire, not of treasure. And let her beware above all things of the dream of rebuilding the doomed city of Troy. Troy rebuilt, Juno's wrath will revive, and the second fall shall be as bad as the first.

For the meaning of this last warning see additional note on p. 151.

Several MSS., including V and A (B omits the Odes 2-6), wrote this Ode continuously with the Second, and Porphyryon, noticing the question, decides that they 'manifeste cohaerent.'

3. **vultus**, as τὸ σὸν δείσας πρόσωπον, Soph. O. T. 448.

4. **mente** is the ablative of the part affected.

solida, 'rock-like'; the metaphor is interpreted in Sen. de Consol. Sap. 3 'Quemadmodum proiecti in altum scopuli mare frangunt ita sapientis animus solidus est.' Simonides' τετράγωνος ἄνευ ψόγου, which commentators quote, is not in point, for it refers to the perfection, not as this does to the firmness, of the wise man's mind.

5. **dux**, as 'arbiter Hadriae,' I. 3. 15.

turbidus, the captain is as disorderly as his crew.

7. **orbis** seems to mean 'the round sky'; cp. I. 16. 11 'nec saevus ignis nec tremendo Iuppiter ipse ruens tumultu,' Theogn. 869 ἔν μοι ἔπειτα πέσοι μέγας οὐρανὸς εὐρὺς ὑπερθεῖν, Lucan 2. 290, in the same connexion as this, 'Sidera quis mundumque velit spectare cadentem Expers ipse metus? quis cum ruit arduus aether . . . Complosas tenuisse manus?'

9-15. Cp. Epp. 2. I. 5-12 'Romulus et Liber pater et cum Castore Pollux,' &c., where Augustus is ranked with the same mythological benefactors of mankind, but distinguished from them as having received his apotheosis in his lifetime, while theirs was delayed by envy till after their death. See also the comments passed (Tac. Ann. 4. 38) on Tiberius' refusal to accept divine honours, 'Optimos quippe mortalium altissima cupere; sic Herculem et Liberum apud Graecos, Quirinum apud nos deum numero additos.'

9. **arte**, cp. 'veteres artis,' 4. 15. 12.

vagus, πολύπλαγκτος, Virg. Aen. 6. 801 'Nec vero Alcides tantum telluris obivit,' where note that the travels of Hercules and Bacchus are mentioned to be compared with the progress of Augustus in the East.

10. **inusus**. It is the usual word for struggling upwards, as Virg. G. 2. 360, of the climbing vine.

arces igneas, for the meaning of 'arces' see on 2. 6. 22: 'igneas,' 'starry,' as Horace calls the stars 'ignes,' Od. I. 12. 47; cp. Ovid's 'siderea arx,' Am. 3. 10. 21.

attigit, see on I. 3. 10.

12. **purpureo ore**, as 'roseo ore' of Venus, Virg. Aen. 2. 593, though attributed to only one feature, it implies the halo of rosy light which surrounds the beatified Augustus. 'Candidus insuetum miratur limen Olympi,' Virg. E. 5. 56, of the apotheosis of Daphnis.

bibet, al. 'bibit.' The future has the best authority, and it is in accordance with the picture in Virg. G. I. 24 foll. and 503 where the apotheosis is spoken of as future. 'Bibit' would represent him as a god already. This is not in itself impossible: cp. Od. 4. 5. 31-36 and Epp. 2. I. 15 foll. But in that case we should expect 'recubans': he would be pictured as at table: 'recumbens bibet' = 'will take his place at table and drink.' The place is kept for him, but not yet occupied.

14. **vexere**, evidently, from the context, in his triumphal ascent to heaven. Compare Propertius' account (3. 17. 8) of the apotheosis of Ariadne, 'Lyncibus in caelum vecta Ariadna tuis.' The tamed tigers are not only an ornamental appendage, they are emblems of the civilizing labours, his 'just purpose firmly kept,' whereby he merited deification. These are recognized also probably in the 'pater,' although this was a common Roman address to gods. Cp. Od. 1. 18. 6, Epod. 2. 22, Epp. 1. 16. 59, 2. 1. 5, and see Conington on Virg. G. 2. 4.

15. **Quirinus**. For the story of his translation see Ovid, Fast. 2. 481 foll.

17. The gods are represented as sitting in council on the question, whether Romulus shall be admitted to their number. Juno, to the pleasure of all, assents.

18. **Ilion**, **Ilion**, 'It was Troy that I hated, and Troy is destroyed.'

19. **fatalis** (cp. Δύσπαρις—Δινόπαρις), 'doom-fraught.' The two epithets are meant to have a close connexion.

iudex, 'manet alta mente repostum Iudicium Paridis,' Virg. Aen. 1. 26. The epithet 'incestus' is fitly applied to him as 'iudex,' inasmuch as his judgement was determined by Venus' promise, τὴν δ' ἦνυσ' ἣ οἱ πόρε μαχλοσύνην ἀλεγεινὴν, Hom. Il. 24. 30.

20. **mulier peregrina**. There is a scornful emphasis in the manner in which Juno refuses to name Helen or Paris.

vertit in pulverem, reduced to dust, Gr. ἀμαθύνειν, as Hom. Il. 9. 593.

21. **ex quo**, construct 'damnatum ex quo,' &c. The sentence was passed at the time of Laomedon's fraud; it was executed in Priam's time; so the 'dux' of v. 24 must be Laomedon. For the story of his cheating Apollo and Neptune of their bargained wages for building the walls of Troy see Hom. Il. 23. 442 foll.

22. **mercede pacta**, an abl. absol., 'promised them wages and then failed them'; or it may be as Forc. takes it, after the analogy of the ablative with 'fraudare,' e. g. 'praeda,' Liv. 2. 42.

mihi damnatum = 'addictum,' given over for punishment, as Virg. Aen. 4. 699 'Stygioque caput damnaverat Orco.'

23. **castae**, 'bene autem "castae," quia "incestus iudex" dixerat,' Acr.

24. **fraudento**, the epithet is meant for people and prince alike. 'Laomedontaeae periuria Troiae,' Virg. G. 1. 502, cp. Aen. 4. 541.

25-28. Paris, the cause of the war, and Hector, the bulwark of Troy, are dead.

25. **adulterae**, probably the dative with 'splendet,' 'adorns himself for the eyes of'; 1. 5. 4 'cui religas comam.' With 'splendet' cp. Hom. Il. 3. 392 κάλλει τε στίλβων καὶ εἵμασιν.

26. **famosus**, of evil notoriety, as in 3. 15. 3, Sat. 1. 4. 5.

hospes, the relation that gave its chief infamy to Paris' crime, ἡσχυνε ξενίαν τράπεζαν κλοπαῖσι γυναικός, Aesch. Ag. 401.

28. **refringit**, breaks their onset, turns. 'Danai . . . decimum quos distulit Hector in annum,' Virg. Aen. 9. 154.

29. **ductum**, as 'trahere bellum,' Sall. Jug. 64; 'prolonged by our quarrels,' 'seditio' in the sense of *στάσις*.

30. **protinus**, 'this moment, and from henceforth.'

31. **nepotem**, Romulus is the grandson of Juno as the son of Mars; his birth is a fresh grievance besides the 'graves irae' against his Trojan ancestry.

32. Juno will not name Rea Silvia; see on vv. 19, 20. There is probably additional scorn in the close conjunction of 'peperit sacerdos' (= 'a vestal,' as in Virg. Aen. 1. 273 'regina sacerdos Marte gravis'), and in the epithet 'Troica,' as if it meant not merely 'of Trojan blood,' but 'a true Trojan.'

33. **Marti** occupies the place of emphasis as stating in one word the consideration which induces her to forego the resentment which had such full grounds. Compare the balancing of the sentence in 2. 8. 1-5 with note.

redonabo, a word only found in Horace, Od. 2. 7. 3. It is here used in the same sense as 'condonare' in Caesar, Bell. Gall. 1. 20 'Dumnorigem Divitiaco fratri se condonare dicit,' i. e. 'Dumnorigi ignoscere propter fratrem.'

illum ego, both words emphatic. It would not be strange that any other of the gods should consent to the admission of Romulus, nor that Juno should consent to the admission of any but one of that hateful parentage.

34. **ducere**, the variation of reading between 'ducere' and 'discere' is as old as Acr. and Porph., the former of whom interprets 'propinare—potare,' the latter 'assuescere saporibus nectaris.' 'Ducere' is the simpler; it is a common Horatian word, as with 'pocula,' Od. 1. 17. 22, 'Liberum,' 4. 12. 14, &c.

35. **adscribi ordinibus**, 'adscribi in civitatem': so 'civitatus,' Cic. pro Arch. 4. 6, 7, 'urbanae militiae,' Tac. Hist. 2. 94. It may be doubted how far any distinct metaphor is felt in 'ordinibus,' whether a muster-roll, or the seats of the Council-hall.

quietis, a touch of the Epicurean doctrine of Sat. 1. 5. 101; cp. 'ea cura quietos sollicitat,' Virg. Aen. 4. 379.

37. **longus**, **saeviat**, imply that the sea which flows between them must be 'dissociabilis.'

38. **exsules**, the banished Trojans, and provided they do not break their banishment. 'Dictum sane videtur cum leni quadam despicientia,' Orell. The emphasis is really on the one thing that she cares for, viz. that Troy and Troy's manners should have an end. This is brought out equally by the half contemptuous way in which she speaks of the fate of the 'exiles' in comparison with that of their old home, and by the grandeur of the destiny which she is willing to allow them if this one proviso is attended to.

40. **Priami . . . busto**. The commentators remind us that according to Virgil, Aen. 2. 567, Priam did not actually receive sepulture.

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41. **insultet**, ἐπισκιρτᾷ, ἐπιθρώσκει. Although the word is used in its proper sense, there is still a feeling of its tropical sense; to 'leap upon' a grave being a mode of 'insulting' the memory of its tenant, Hom. Il. 4. 177 τῦμβῳ ἐπιθρώσκων Μενελάου κυδαλίμοιο. Compare with Juno's words the actual description of the Troad in Lucan 9. 966 foll.

42. **Capitolium**, the pledge and emblem of Rome's eternity, I. 37. 6, 3. 5. 12, 3. 30. 8.

43. **fulgens**, with 'stet.' It seems to be opposed to the waste grass-grown ruins of Troy. Cp. Virg. 8. 348 'Capitolia . . . Aurea nunc, olim silvestribus horrida dumis.'

triumphatis, Virg. G. 3. 33 'triumphatas gentis,' Aen. 6. 837.

possit, 'be mighty to.' Orelli quotes Tibull. 1. 7. 3 'Aquitanas qui posset fundere gentis.' It exalts the greatness of the feat.

44. **ferox**, as it were, 'at the sword's point'; but the two epithets 'triumphatis,' 'ferox,' are antithetical, contrasting the attitude of the two peoples. Cp. 'Latium ferox,' I. 35. 10.

Medis, the peoples of the East, 2. I. 31, but with special thought of the Parthians; see on I. 2. 22.

45. **late**, with 'horrenda,' as 'late tyrannus,' 3. 17. 9, 'populum late regem,' Virg. Aen. 1. 21.

46. **medius liquor**, 'the intervening water,' 'venit medio vi pontus,' Virg. Aen. 3. 417; the Straits of Gibraltar are meant. They stand for the West as the Nile for the East.

49-52. 'Only the gold unfound, and so the better placed, let her fortitude be shown in spurning rather than in gathering with a hand that snatches for mortal uses all that is sacred.'

50. **fortior** = 'dum fortior sit.' It is a question whether this condition grammatically qualifies the 'extendat' of the preceding stanza, or the 'tanget' of the following one. It is better, perhaps, to take it with the former, as the latter matches more closely with the condition laid down in v. 57 foll. 'Let her name be known in all shores from East to West, only as the despiser of gold, not as the greedy searcher for it. She shall go to the world's end, to the tropics and the pole, only not to Troy.' This stanza seems to confirm the view that Horace, under the talk of Troy, is thinking of real moral dangers of his country.

51. **humanos in usus** must be taken with 'rapiente,' as it is antithetical to 'sacrum,' 'cogere' to 'spernere.'

53-56. 'Whatever bounds have been set to the world she shall reach them with her arms, and rejoice to see with her own eyes in what quarter fiery heat revels unchecked, in what quarter the mists and dews of rain.' The great majority of MSS. read 'tanget' as against 'tangat'; and there is some force in Juno's grudging assent passing into a distinct prophecy (cp. 'fata dico,' v. 57) of Rome's greatness, provided only as before that her condition is observed.

54. **visere**, of seeing as a sight. Cp. Od. 2. 15. 3.

55. **debacchentur**, see on 'decertantem,' I. 3. 13. For the description of the torrid and frigid zones cp. I. 22. 17 foll., and

Virg. G. I. 233-236 'una corusco Semper sole rubens et torrida semper ab igni; Quam circum extremae dextra laevaque trahuntur Caeruleae, glacie concretæ atque imbribus atris.'

57. *bellicosus*, 'they will seek empire by arms; the destiny which I have announced is theirs on this condition.'

58. *pii . . . fidentes*, two motives may induce them to forget her warning: filial feeling towards their μητρόπολις, overweening confidence in their own powers.

61. *alite lugubri* = 'malis auspiciis'; I. 15. 5 'mala avi,' 4. 6. 23 'potiore alite.'

62. *iterabitur*, 'the fortunes of Troy, if in an evil hour it is called to life again, shall be repeated in an overthrow as sad as before.' The hypallage whereby 'renascens' is made to agree with Troy's fortunes rather than with Troy, helps in point of *feeling* to make it more clear that any new life of the city would be but the old life repeated, and would end in the same catastrophe; in point of *grammar* it leaves 'iterabitur' without any proper subject, for it is the past destiny which can properly be said to be repeated, not the one which is reopened.

63. *victrices*, victorious before and to be victorious again.

64. Virg. Aen. I. 46 'Iovis . . . Et soror et coniunx,' Hom. II. 16. 432 κασιγνήτην ἄλοχόν τε. Her pre-eminent dignity is a second assurance that the armament will not be led in vain.

65. *ter . . . ter*, Virg. G. I. 281, 283.

aeneus, almost a proverbial phrase for great strength, Epp. I. I. 60, Aesch. in Ctes. § 84 χαλκοῖς καὶ ἀδαμαντίνοις τείχεσιν.

66. *auctore Phoebo*. Cp. Virg. G. 3. 36 'Troiae Cynthus auctor.' The expression might have been used to mean merely 'with the advice of Phoebus,' but it doubtless refers to the legend that Apollo himself built the walls of Troy; Bentley compares Propert. 4. 6. 43 as he reads it 'murorum Romulus auctor (*al.* augur).'

meis Argivis, Argos being a chief seat of Juno's worship, I. 7. 8.

67. *uxor . . . virum pueros*, the men slain, the women sold to slavery.

69. *conveniet*, the future suits the following 'Quo, Musa, tendis?' Horace would suggest that there is something left unsaid. With the end of the Ode cp. that of 2. I.

72. *tenuare*, as 'deterere,' I. 6. 12.

ADDITIONAL NOTE

ON THE PURPOSE OF VERSES 17-68.

It may be taken for granted that some serious purpose, germane to the general subject of the six Odes, underlies the denunciation of Troy and of its rebuilding, which forms such a large part of this Ode. It is like the myth of a Pindaric Ode, which is never uncon-

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nected with the personal occasion or with the gnomic introduction ; and it is evidently parallel to the 'gigantomachia' of Ode 4 and to the Regulus-story of Ode 5, both of which have a bearing on the subject which none can mistake. What the purpose is in this case cannot be explained as certainly.

Many editors have recalled the story preserved by Suetonius (Jul. 79) that among the causes of the Dictator's unpopularity was a rumour '*migraturum Alexandriam vel Ilium translatis simul opibus imperii, exhaustaque Italia delectibus, et procuratione urbium amicis permissa.*' Mommsen lends the weight of his authority to the view that Horace is referring, not indeed to any such specific rumour, but to a feeling, already in the air¹, that the extension and consolidation of the empire would lead, as it actually led in the end, to the transference of the centre of gravity to the eastern end of the Mediterranean. He is expressing the mind of Augustus in reassuring Roman patriots on this point : the revival and glorification of Rome, not its displacement, is the idea of the empire. It will be seen that apart from this Ode the evidence is very slight that any such political idea was practically before men's minds : and when we read the Ode itself the theory fails to account for all the facts. It does not explain the emphasis laid throughout on the moral characteristics of Troy, nor give the connexion which there should be between the story and the earlier part of the Ode.

It had been already pointed out that one key to the episode is found in the fact mentioned by Dion (53. 16), Suetonius (Oct. 7), and Florus (2. 34), that when Octavianus took the title of Augustus it had been in contemplation (according to some accounts it had been his own desire) that he should be called Romulus, as the second Founder of the Roman state. This must certainly be in Horace's mind. It explains why Romulus is (v. 15) the climax of the instances of immortality won by labours in the cause of civilization : 'Yes,' he says, 'Augustus is a second Romulus ; only the second Founder will remember the lesson set to the first Founder—Rome was to be Rome, not a second Troy.'

Plüss and those who follow him see in this warning an allegorical picture of the danger of returning, '*nimum pii*,' to the political ideals of the Republic. It may be doubted whether Horace or his master would have wished to draw such a sharp line as this implies between the constitution before and after the beginning of the principate. Augustus is set forth in these Odes as the restorer of the old rather than as the founder of a new order of things. But probably the dangers of which the poet speaks are not, primarily, political. It must be remembered that the words are put into Juno's mouth not in the middle, but at the commencement of Roman history. They are the imagined charter of its greatness—recalled now, doubtless

¹ He sees a confirmation of this in the curious story, upon which, writing about the same time, Livy dwells (5. 24), that it was proposed in the time of Camillus to remove the seat of government to Veii.

for a special reason, because there was or had been a special risk of its infringement. The resemblance cannot be accidental between this Ode and the stanzas of the *Carmen Saeculare* in which (vv. 37-48) the same close relation and essential difference between Troy and Rome are dwelt upon: Rome represents not the whole of Troy, but the 'remnant,' the descendants and imitators of the 'castus Aeneas, patriae superstes.' Rome, Horace would say, has had its long career of greatness because the condition has been complied with: the old vices, 'Laomedontae periuria Troiae,' Asiatic perfidy, luxury, greed of treasure, have not broken out again. Why does he say so at this moment? The most likely answer seems to be that he is thinking, in part at any rate, of the rival régime from which Augustus has saved them. It is a thought on which we know that he dwelt, the *orientalizing* of the Roman empire which was threatened if the victory at Actium had fallen to Antony and the 'mulier peregrina'.¹ The six Odes would fail to set out all the grounds on which Horace accepted the rule of Augustus and recommended it to his countrymen if this one was altogether omitted.

ODE IV

'CALLIOPE, aid me in my song. Is it a delusion, or am I already among the Muses, hearing and seeing them? I am their favourite. In my childhood the wood-pigeons covered me with leaves when I was asleep on the hillside, and through life the Muses have given me a special protection. For their love I escaped Philippi, and the falling tree, and shipwreck off Palinurus. And they are Caesar's solace and refreshment too. They give him gentle counsels, and he accepts them. We all know how Jove's bolt swept away the brutal Titans; for all their strength of arm, and piled mountains and uprooted trees, they could not stand against Pallas and the gods who ranged themselves around her. Force without mind falls of its own weight; force, under control, the gods advance and protect. The giants are in Tartarus, and will never be released. Lawless lust is punished with endless chains.'

This Ode deals with the side of the imperial régime which did most to attract and hold fast such adherents as Horace himself. The Muses themselves 'gave gentle counsels to Caesar.' It was the régime of moderation, of refinement, of literary culture. Those who still continued to conspire against this gentle rule were as the giants trying to overthrow the Olympian gods, and restore the dominion of insensate force and lawless lust. But force without wisdom was powerless.

¹ Mommsen allows that in this and other phrases of vv. 20-26 Horace is glancing at Cleopatra and her paramour.

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1. **Descende caelo**, for the Muses were Ὀλυμπίαιδες, Hom. II. 2. 491: not, as the Scholiast thought, with reference to the last Ode and the 'sermones deorum.'

dic . . . melos, see on I. 32. 3.

1-4. **tibia . . . seu voce acuta . . . seu fidibus**. The construction is not quite perfect. There are not three choices offered, as might appear, the pipe, or the voice, or the stringed instruments, but (as Ritter points out) two. The voice will be used in any case; the alternative is between two tones of the voice and two several accompaniments which suit them. Horace asks first that the melody shall be on the pipe; he corrects this, and laying the emphasis on 'longum,' leaves it to Calliope (so long as in this respect it is such as he asks for) to decide whether it shall be 'voce acuta' (and so accompanied by the pipe) or 'voce gravi' (and so accompanied by the stringed instrument). There is the same choice given to Clio (I. 12. 1), 'lyra vel acri (cp. 'acuta voce') Tibia'; and the two kinds of accompaniment for lyric poetry are common in Horace, as in Od. I. 1. 32, where they are assigned respectively to Polyhymnia and Euterpe. Cp. also 4. I. 22.

2. **longum**, 'sustained.' He is preparing for a longer effort than usual; 'maius opus movet.'

Calliope, see on I. 1. 32, she is called 'regina' as a goddess, as ἄνασσα, πότνια in Greek. The repetition of the vocative, and the separation which gives greater emphasis to each utterance of it, are intended to mark the earnestness of his appeal.

4. **fidibus citharave**. If, with the great majority of the MSS., we retain 've,' we must take 'fidibus' of the lyra. Such expressions as λύρη κιθαρίζειν (Hom. Hymn. ad Merc. 423), show that in early times the two names belonged to the same instrument, but they were subsequently distinguished. The 'cithara,' whose invention was ascribed to Apollo, was like a modern guitar, its strings stretched over the sounding body; the 'lyra,' which remained the property of Hermes (Epod. 13. 9 'fide Cyllenea'), had its strings open on both sides like a harp. Bentley, and most subsequent editors, have preferred the less supported reading 'que.' In that case 'fidibus citharaque' will be = 'fidibus citharae': cp. Virg. Aen. 6. 120 'Threïcia cithara fidibusque canoris.'

5. 'Is it a real sound that others too can hear, or am I the subject of a "fine frenzy"?'

amabilis insania, an oxymoron; madness, but one of which I should not wish to be cured. Horace claims the ἐνθουσιασμός, μανία (Plat. Phaedr. p. 245 A) of a poet.

6. **pios lucos**, not, as Acron interpreted it, of Elysium, but of the woods which the Muses haunt: Μουσῶν νάπαι, Plat. Ion, p. 534 A. Cp. Od. I. 1. 30, 3. 25. 2, 4. 2. 30, 4. 3. 10. 'Pios' either = 'sacros,' 'haunted by gods,' or because the 'profanum vulgus' is excluded from them, 3. 1. 1 foll.

9. **me fabulosae**. The emphasis on 'me' points out the connexion with the preceding stanzas, 'no wonder that I should hear

the Muses' voice, though you do not. I have been their favourite from my babyhood.'

fabulosae, 'legendary'; 'de quibus fabulantur poetae.' They are the birds of Venus that draw her car; they carry ambrosia to Zeus himself (Hom. Od. 12. 62). The suggestion is that their action in covering the child-poet in leaves was, like their actions of which legends tell, 'non sine Dis'; and, as Conington remarks, the emphatic conjunction 'me fabulosae,' &c. is as much as to say, 'I, too, like other poets (as Stesichorus, Pindar, Aeschylus), have a legend of my infancy.'

Vulture (see footnote on p. 15), now Monte Vulture, a mountain, originally volcanic, 4363 feet high, near the point where Apulia, Samnium, and Lucania join. As it is some ten miles to the west of Venusia, we are to imagine Horace as, at the time of the incident, in 'villeggiatura' in the hills, perhaps at his nurse's cottage.

10. **extra limen Apuliae**. This is the reading of the great number of MSS., and apparently was found by Acr. and Porph. It is usually interpreted of part of the Mons Vultur, just beyond the border line. Horace dwells on the character of the neighbourhood as 'debateable land' on the frontier of the two provinces, Sat. 2. 1. 34 'Lucanus an Apulus anceps,' &c. There is, however, some reason for suspecting that this reading was an early corruption. The minuteness of the local description and its paradoxical form have no special point; and the instances quoted from other poets of variation of the quantity in such names as Italus, Italia; Priamus, Priamides; Sicanus, &c. are hardly parallel to the inversion of the quantity of two syllables in the same word, in the same part of two consecutive lines. It is doubtful, besides, whether the Roman poets ever shortened the first syllable of Apulia. The only instance alleged is the 'mare Apulicum' of 3. 24. 4, where the reading is at least as doubtful as the present one. Meanwhile, of the oldest MSS. B and three others have 'limina Pullie,' and the Scholiast on γ reads the same, and explains it as the proper name of the nurse. Acr. and Porph. seem to have read 'Apuliae,' but, oddly, to have interpreted it in the same way: 'Fabulosam nutricem appellavit quod hae fere alumni suis narrare fabulas solent. Extra limen fabulosae Apuliae meae nutricis. Provinciae nomen posuit pro nutricis,' Acr. So also on v. 19, Acr. 'extra casae limen.' 'Pollia' or 'Pullia' is a name that occurs in several inscriptions. It is barely possible then that we have here the name of Horace's nurse, although it cannot be thought likely that none of his readers and imitators in antiquity should have preserved her memory. It is possible, again, that the word which completed the verse may have been lost early, the copyist's eye being caught by the conclusion of the preceding verse; and it may have been some adjective such as 'sedulae' (Bentl.) agreeing with 'nutricis.' It is possible, Ritter thinks, that 'Apuliae' was a gloss to explain some other name of the district, such as 'Daunia.'

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11. Hom. Il. 10. 98 καμάτῳ ἀδδηκότες ἡδὲ καὶ ὕπνῳ. For the position of 'que' see on I. 30. 5.

13. *mirum quod foret*. The subjunctive expresses, if not a purpose, at least a result foreseen at the time of the action: 'to be the marvel of all that,' &c. Cp. Virg. E. 9. 48 'processit . . . Astrum quo segetes gauderet frugibus.'

14. *nidum Acherontiae*, of a town nestling, where you would not look for it, on a ledge of a hill. So Cic. de Orat. 1. 44 'Ithacam illam in asperrimis saxulis tamquam nidulum affixam.' Acerenza retains the name and site of the ancient town. 'It is built on a hill of considerable elevation, precipitous on three sides, and affording only a very steep approach on the fourth.'

15. *Bantinos*, on the borders of Lucania and Apulia, for Pliny speaks of it as belonging to the former, Livy to the latter. The name is preserved in the convent of Sta. Maria di Banzi.

16. *Forenti*. The name (Forenza) still remains in the locality, but is at present applied to a village on a hill. Acr. speaks of the ancient village having been deserted in his time, 'nunc sine habitatore est.'

17. *ut . . . ut*, explaining the subject of their wonder, 'how it could be that I slept,' &c. Horace has 'mirabimur ut' in Epod. 16. 53.

18. *sacra*, the bay to Apollo, the myrtle to Venus; and so they are emblematic both of the future poet and specially of the poet of love. 'Collata,' like 'sacra,' is intended to cover both substantives. See 2. 15. 18-20 n.

20. *non sine dis*, οὐ θεῶν ἄτερ, οὐκ ἀθεεῖ (Hom. Od. 18. 353). This is their explanation of the marvel: 'such bravery in a babe must come from the gods, and must be under their special protection.' 'And so it was,' Horace continues, 'I was under the Muses' care, and have been all my life.'

22. *tollor*, the Muses take him, as a god snatches a hero from the fight in Homer, and carry him up 'in montis et in arcem ex urbe' (Sat. 2. 6. 16). Cp. Od. 2. 7. 13.

Sabinos. My Sabine estate. See on Od. 2. 18. 14.

seu . . . seu . . . seu. An apodosis must be applied to each supposition, 'or if Praeneste be my choice, or Tibur, or Baiae,' 'ibi vester sum,' 'eo vester feror.' The epithets contrast the situations: the breezy hill-top (Praeneste is 2100 feet above the sea), the sloping hill-side ('supinum' must refer to the S. W. side of Tibur, where the hill slopes gently towards the Campagna), and the sea-shore.

25. *amicum*, the welcome guest in the haunts of the Muses.

I. 26. 1 'Musis amicus.'

fontibus et choris, I. 26. 6; Hes. Theog. 3 (of the Muses) καὶ τε περὶ κρήνην ἰοειδέα πόσσ' ἀπαλοῖσιν | ὀρχεῦνται.

26. 'Not the rout at Philippi,' 2. 7. 13.

27. *devota*, sc. 'dis inferis,' and so 'accursed.' Epod. 16. 9.

arbos, 2. 13 passim, 2. 17. 27, 3. 8. 7.

28. **Palinurus**, the southern promontory of the gulf of Velia, on the west coast of Lucania. Virg. Aen. 5. 833 foll., 6. 381. It is still 'Punta di Palinuro.' There is no other allusion in Horace's poems to this escape from shipwreck, unless his remembrance of it is the source of the images of Od. 1. 28; see also on 4. 4. 44 and Introd. to Epod. 1. For 'Sicula unda' see on 2. 12. 2.

29. **utcumque**, 'whensoever.' See on Od. 1. 17. 10.

30. **insanientem**, Virg. E. 9. 43 'insani feriant sine litora fluctus.' **Bosphorum**, 2. 13. 4, 2. 20. 14.

32. **litoris Assyrii**, probably of the Syrian desert, Assyrius being used loosely for 'Syrius' by the poets. See Od. 2. 11. 16, and cp. Virg. G. 2. 465.

viator, opposed to 'navita,' as 'viae' to 'mare,' 2. 6. 7.

33. **Britannos**, Catull. 11. 11 'horribilem insulam ultimosque Britannos.' Tac. Ann. 14. 30 accuses the Druids of human sacrifices.

34. **Concanum**, a tribe of the Cantabri. Virgil attributes the mixing of milk with horse's blood to the Geloni (G. 3. 463), Statius to the Massagetae (Ach. 1. 307). Silius (3. 360) joins the Massagetae and the Concani.

35. **pharetratos**, Virg. Aen. 8. 725 'sagittiferosque Gelonos.' All the localities have epithets to express the savagery of the inhabitants except 'Scythicum amnem,' where 'inviolatus' has the same effect by implying that others could not visit the Tanais with equal safety.

37. **vos** supplies the connexion with the preceding stanzas, as if it were 'vos eadem.' The same Muses who protect the poet are the solace of Caesar, glad to have done with war and to listen to their gentle counsels.

altum, Sat. 2. 5. 62 'ab alto Demissum genus Aenea,' Virg. Aen. 10. 875 'altus Apollo.' Cp. Od. 1. 6. 11 'egregii Caesaris.'

simul = 'simulac.'

38. **abdidit**; this is the reading of the largest number of MSS., and is the only one which has distinct support from a Scholiast, Acron interpreting it by 'interius recondidit.' Cp. Epp. 1. 1. 5 of the retired gladiator, 'latet abditus agro.' Orelli, following B, gave 'addidit,' which is used in the same connexion, as if it were the technical word, in Tac. Ann. 13. 31 'Coloniae Capua atque Nuceria additis veteranis firmatae sunt.' Bentley supports 'reddidit' (which also has some MS. authority) by Tac. Ann. 1. 17 'praetorias cohortes quae post sedecim annos penatibus suis reddidit.' In point of sense, 'abdidit' or 'reddidit' are preferable to 'addidit,' as helping the general idea that the war is over. It is the soldiers, not the towns, that Horace is thinking of. 'Addidit' would view the action from the side of the towns. The two occasions in the life of Augustus, before B.C. 23, on which we have record of his settling veterans on purchased land or in colonies, are after the bellum Actiacum in B.C. 30 (Dion, 51. 4), and in B.C. 25 or 24 (Dion, 53. 25) at the close of his Spanish campaign. See Mommsen, R. G. Div. Aug. 3. 22-28.

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41. **consilium**, a trisyllable, the penult. being lengthened before *i*, and the semiconsonantal *i*=*y*. So in 3. 6. 6 'Hinc omne principium.' Cp. Virgil's use of 'tenuia,' G. 1. 397; 'fluviorum,' ib. 482, &c.

dato gaudetis almae. They not only give gentle counsels, but when they have given them they rejoice to further them; for in respect to them, as in all other respects, they are 'almae.' This epithet stands last, as summing up the beneficent character of the Muses, which has been the theme of the first half of the Ode, and as leading us by the association of contrast to the impersonations of brute and insensate force, whose vain efforts and doom are the subject of the latter half.

42. **scimus ut**, 'we all know how.' The preceding stanzas have been professedly addressed to the Muses. 'Scimus' reminds us that it is really a homily addressed to Horace's contemporaries, who had witnessed, so he hints, a repetition of the Gigantomachia. The same comparison is hinted in Od. 2. 12. 6-10.

43. **immanemque**, the 'que' adding only another designation of the same object.

If we must go by a mere majority of older MSS. we must read 'turbam' here, and 'turmas' in v. 47.

44. **caduco**, *καταβάρης κεραυνός*, Aesch. P. V. 358. Here, as in 2. 13. 11, the adjective has something of that sense of 'proneness to fall,' which Bentley (ad loc.) rightly holds to be proper to it. The bolt hung ready to fall: a touch launched it. The adjective heightens our feeling of the ease with which the Titans were swept away. Bentley condemns it here, as merely equivalent to 'cadente,' and would therefore alter it to 'corusco,' which would hardly be an epithet of sufficient point to occupy the emphatic place.

45-48. The universality of Jove's rule is indicated not only by the nouns 'terram,' 'mare,' &c. which describe his triple empire in earth, in Hades, in heaven, but also by the triple contrast of the epithets expressed or implied: the 'dull earth' ('bruta,' 1. 34. 9) and the 'sea stirred by every wind,' the [busy] cities of the living and the sad realm of the shades, 'the [quieti ordines' of the] gods and the turmoil of mortal men.' However much they differ in all else, they are all alike subject to his sway. For Horace's manner of marking a contrast by giving an epithet to one only of the two things contrasted see on 2. 3. 9, 3. 13. 7, 4. 4. 10. Note also that the epithets actually given are all such as imply some difficulty or unlikelihood in the way of his rule. He can sway the earth, however insensate it be; the sea, however stormy; the sad shadow-world, as well as the world of men; the turmoil of earth, as well as the quiet gods.

48. **unus**, for all their variety they have one ruler.

aequo, calm and just. It is the key-note of the stanza; it heightens our idea of his power, and describes its nature. The construction is, 'qui temperat terram et mare, et regit urbes regnaque,' &c.

49. *intulerat*, possibly, like '*sustulerat*' in 2. 17. 28, a rhetorical exaggeration. The question '*sed quid . . . ?*' takes here the place of the negative conditional, '*nisi*,' &c. Newman criticizes, not without justice, the inconsistency between this stanza and the last. '*Magnum illa terrorem intulerat*' mars the effect of the picture of imperial calm. Jove, it would seem, was frightened or might have been frightened; the ultimate victory was due to other gods. Horace almost seems to forget that he has localized the *majesty* of heaven in Jupiter. His object now is to exalt Pallas, the representative of *mind*. The *power* of heaven might be cowed, but the *mind* was unshaken.

50. *fidens bracchiis*, *χείρεσσι πεποιθότες*, Hom. Il. 12. 135; but Horace intends, by the collocation of '*horrida*,' to give the force of '*fidens bracchiis quibus horrebat*.' It is of the hundred-handed giant and his fellows that he is thinking.

51. *fratres*, Otus and Ephialtes. Hom. Od. 11. 307 foll.

tendentes imposuisse. This is quoted by Madv. (L. G. § 407, obs. 2) with Virg. Aen. 6. 77 '*si pectore possit Excussisse deum*,' for the poetical use ('like the Greek aorist') of the perf. inf. for the pres. inf.; but they both seem to come under the regular use (which he distinguishes in his Opusc. Academ. 2. 119), in cases where there is definite reference to a completed action. The object in view was not only to place Pelion on Olympus, but to leave it standing there. This reference is clear in the old use of the perf. inf. after '*volo*' in prohibitions ('*ne quis habuisse velit*,' *Senatus-consultum de Bacchanalibus*. So Horace, '*Ne quis humasse velit*,' S. 2. 3. 187; it is analogous to the perf. conj. in direct prohibition. This, and not any aoristic use, seems to be the explanation of '*ne libeat iacuisse*,' in Virg. G. 3. 436). So also in the use after '*nolo*,' Sat. 1. 2. 28; '*malo*,' S. 2. 8. 79; '*curo*,' Epp. 1. 17. 5, 1. 18. 59; '*caveo*,' A. P. 168. So, again, in '*veraces cecinisse*,' C. S. 25; '*licet dixisse*,' Od. 3. 29. 43; '*gaudet pepulisse*,' 3. 18. 15; '*gaudet posuisse*,' 1. 34. 16; '*iuvat collegisse*,' 1. 1. 4.

opaco Olympo, '*frondosum Olympum*,' Virg. G. 1. 282; *Πήλιον εἰνοσίφυλλον*, Hom. Od. 11. 304. Horace has returned to the Homeric arrangement of the mountains (omitting Ossa), which Virgil had inverted. But in so doing he has left the epithet with what, in his arrangement, is the least appropriate substantive. In Homer and Virgil, the '*nodding woods*' on the top add to the picture.

52. The labouring rhythm of the line is probably meant to be imitative.

53. *Typhoeus*, Pind. P. 1, Virg. Aen. 9. 715.

Mimas, Eur. Ion 214.

54. *Porphyrion*, Pind. P. 8. 17 *βασιλεὺς γιγάντων*.
statu, of the attitude of one offering fight.

55. *Rhoetus*, Hor. Od. 2. 19. 23.

56. *Enceladus*, Virg. Aen. 3. 578.

57. *Palladis*, see note on v. 49. The goddess of wisdom is the

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central figure. By her side ('hinc . . . hinc') are ranged all the other gods; but of the three named to represent them if one is characterized by fiery zeal, the other two suggest queenly dignity and poetic grace.

58. *avidus*, absol. as in Tac. Ann. i. 51 'avidae legiones'; more usually with a genitive, as 'avidus pugnae,' Virg. Aen. 12. 430. Homer's *λilαιόμενος πολέμοιο*.

60. 'Whom they could never hope to find unarmed and unprepared for battle.' The following stanza is intended to accumulate images of Apollo, his grace of form and his pursuits, which contrast with the 'uncouth and brutal Titans,' his haunts by streams and woodland, the fount of the Muses, the long hair of youth and of the bard (see on 4. 6. 26). We may note, also, in illustration of vv. 63, 64, that when Virgil would express Aeneas' beauty and grace of movement, he compares him to Apollo leading the dance in Delos, when he revisits it from Lycia (Aen. 4. 144).

61. *lavit*. For the form see on 2. 3. 18.

63. *natalem silvam*, Virg. l. c. 'maternam Delon.' For other notices of Apollo's migration between Patara and Delos see Herod. i. 82, Pind. P. i. 39.

65. Eur. Fr. Temen. 11 *ρώμη δέ γ' ἀμαθὴς πολλάκις τίκτει βλάβην*.

66. *temperatam*, 'under control'; possibly, as Conington suggests, with a reference to the use of 'temperare vinum'; 'tempered,' 'softened,' by the admixture of mind. Orelli points out how the repetition of 'vis,' 'vim,' 'vires,' marks the application of the preceding stanzas.

69. *testis mearum sententiarum*. It is rather a rough and prosaic turn for Horace; but he is probably trying to be Pindaric. See on 4. 4. 18. On the variance of the MSS. between Gyas and Gigas see on 2. 17. 14.

70. *integrae*, i. q. 'intactae,' *τῆς αἰὲ παρθένου*.

73. *dolet*, is (still) in pain.

suis, i. e. 'se natis.'

75. *peredit*, has eaten a way through, so as to set them free.

76. *impositam*, according to Pindar and Aeschylus, on Typhoeus; according to Virgil (Aen. 3. 578), on Enceladus; according to Callimachus (Hymn. in Del. 141), on Briareus.

celer, for all its haste.

77. *Tityi*, 2. 14. 8, 3. 11. 21, 4. 6. 2, Hom. Od. 11. 576 foll., Pind. P. 4. 90.

78. *additus*, cp. Virg. Aen. 6. 90 'nec Teucris addita Iuno Usquam aberit,' with Conington's explanation of it as a slight extension of 'comitem se addere,' 'comes addi' (ib. v. 528).

80. *Pirithoum*, 4. 7. 27, for his attempt to carry off Proserpine. Theseus, who aided him, and for a time shared his punishment, was released by Hercules.

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'JOVE's thunder proves him the sovereign of the sky. Augustus shall prove himself a god upon earth by adding to the empire Britain and the hateful Parthians—O shame to think of the disgrace not yet wiped away!—Roman soldiers living as captives, forgetful of name and country, and country's gods. This was the danger that Regulus foresaw if prisoners were allowed to hope for ransom—"Let them die," he said, "and pity them not. I have seen with my own eyes the sight of shame: Roman standards nailed up in Punic temples with armour that was taken not from the dead but from the living:—Roman citizens with their hands bound behind their backs—Carthage peaceful and busy:—the work of our war undone. Will you buy those soldiers back again? It will be a waste of money. The deer caught in the net does not fight again if you loose it, nor does the man who has once feared death make a soldier again. He does not know what war means." He put aside his wife and children, and hung his head as one disgraced, till the senate listened to his advice; then he went back to torture and death with as light a heart as if he were going for a holiday.'

Another phase of Augustus' rule. He is to retrieve the deeply-felt disgrace of Carrhae, and to restore the healthy military spirit of ancient Rome. We have in the story of Regulus at once a measure of the disgrace to be retrieved,—'It is the very disgrace which he feared and foretold and went back to the torture in order to prevent,'—and a picture of the true Roman spirit which is to be reawakened.

The whole sentiment of the speech may be compared with Liv. 22. 59-61.

The story of Regulus' mission to Rome is not found in Polybius, a fact which has been held to throw doubt on its truth. It is summarized in the Epitome of Liv. 18. With Cicero it is a commonplace. It is told at length in the De Off. 3. 27, a passage of which Horace recalls several turns of thought and expression. 'M. Atilius Regulus, cum consul iterum in Africa ex insidiis captus esset, duce Xanthippo Lacedaemonio, imperatore autem patre Hannibalis Hamilcare, iuratus missus est ad senatum ut nisi redditi essent Poenis captivi nobiles quidam rediret ipse Karthaginem. Is cum Romam venisset utilitatis speciem videbat; sed eam, ut res declarat, falsum iudicavit: quae erat talis; manere in patria, esse domi suae cum uxore, cum liberis; quam calamitatem accepisset in bello, communem fortunae bellicae iudicantem, tenere consularis dignitatis gradum. Quis negat haec esse utilia? Quem censes? Magnitudo animi et fortitudo negat. Num locupletiores quaeris auctores? Harum enim est virtutum proprium nihil extimescere, omnia humana despicere, nihil quod homini accidere possit intolerandum putare. Itaque quid fecit? In senatum venit; mandata exposuit; sententiam ne diceret recusavit; quamdiu iureiurando hostium

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teneretur non esse se senatorem. Atque illud etiam (O stultum hominem—dixerit quispiam,—et repugnantem utilitati suae!) reddi captivos negavit esse utile: illos enim adolescentis esse et bonos duces, se iam confectum senectute. Cuius cum valuisset auctoritas captivi retenti sunt; ipse Karthaginem rediit: neque eum caritas patriae retinuit nec suorum. Neque vero tum ignorabat se ad crudelissimum hostem et ad exquisita supplicia proficisci: sed iusiurandum conservandum putabat.'

Compare de Senect. 20, de Fin. 5. 27, pro Sest. 59, in Pis. 19 'M. Regulus quem Karthaginienses resectis palpebris illigatum in machina vigilando necaverunt.'

It will be observed that the argument against ransoming Roman soldiers, as it appears in the Ode, is an addition to the story.

1. *caelo*, with 'regnare,' opposed to 'praesens.' Jupiter in heaven, Caesar upon earth, I. 12. 51, 58.

credidimus, a perf., 'so much the world has already come to believe.'

2. *praesens divus*, opposed to the unseen gods of heaven; cp. I. 2. 45 'serus in caelum redeas.' It suggests, perhaps, at the same time its more usual sense of 'present to bless'; cp. 4. 14. 43 'tutela praesens Italiae,' Virg. E. 1. 43-45, where Augustus is the 'praesens divus' in both senses.

3. *Britannis*. Cp. I. 35. 29, where Augustus is spoken of as meditating the same two exploits, 'Serves iturum Caesarem in ultimos Orbis Britannos et iuvenum recens Examen Eois timendum Partibus Oceanoque rubro.'

4. *imperio*, see on I. 2. 26.

gravibus Persis, see on I. 2. 21.

5. *milesne*. This burst of indignation, the more forcible for the conventional tone of the first stanza, is immediately suggested by the mention of the hateful Parthians. Augustus is to subject them to the Roman sway. 'Can it be that Roman soldiers have borne to live, to marry, and grow old as their slaves? What a change from the old spirit, the spirit of Regulus!'

Crassi. M. Licinius Crassus Dives, the rival of Caesar and Pompey, and sharer with them in the league sometimes called the First Triumvirate, was defeated, B.C. 53, at Carrhae in Mesopotamia, by Surenas, general of Orodes I; 20,000 Romans were said to have been taken prisoners, and 20,000 left dead, amongst whom was Crassus.

coniuge barbara. Neither with 'turpis,' as Ritter takes it, nor necessarily with 'maritus,' as Dill^s. and Orelli, though they support it by Ov. Her. 4. I. 34 'fratre marita soror'; but an ablative 'absolute' as much as 'te duce,' &c. (see on 2. I. 12), an ablative of the circumstance which justifies the whole appellation 'turpis maritus,' the collocation pairing, in Horace's manner, the correspondent words 'turpis,' 'barbara,' 'maritus,' 'coniuge.' The 'disgrace' the Commentators illustrate from Virg. Aen. 8. 688

'sequiturque (nefas) Aegyptia coniux,' and Liv. 43. 3 'ex militibus Romanis et ex Hispanis mulieribus cum quibus connubium non esset natos se memorantes.'

6. **vixit**, as its place shows, emphatic, 'has endured life,' has bought life at such a price.

7. **pro curia**, 'the senate,' as in 2. 1. 14 'consulenti curiae.' The force of 'inversi' is thrown back upon 'curia' after Horace's manner: see on 1. 2. 1, cp. 1. 5. 5 'fidem mutatosque deos.' The senate is changed, and the whole spirit of morals and discipline, of which it was the guardian, is overset. Compare the part played by the senate in the subsequent story of Regulus, v. 45.

8. **socerorum**, of the race into which he has married. So in Virg. Aen. 11. 105 'Parceret hospitibus quondam socerisque vocatis'; and it is from the Greek: Hom. Il. 3. 49 *νὸν ἀνδρῶν αἰχμητῶν*, and Theocr. 24. 82 *γαμβρὸς ἀθανάτων*.

in armis. Cp. Justin's account of the practice of the Parthians, 41. 2. 5 'exercitum non ut aliae gentes liberorum, sed maiorem partem servitiorum habent,' and the story (quoted by Merivale from Flor. 4. 10, and Vell. Pat. 2. 82) of the assistance rendered to the expedition of M. Antonius by a Roman in the Parthian ranks, 'qui clade Crassiani exercitus captus . . . fortunam non animum mutasset.'

9. **sub rege**, 'invidiosum apud Romanos nomen,' Orelli.

Marsus et Apulus. The Marsi (cp. 2. 20. 18 'qui dissimulat metum Marsae cohortis') are distinguished by other writers, as Virg. G. 2. 167 'genus acre virum Marsos.' The Apulian is named as a fellow-countryman of the poet; see on 1. 22. 13.

10. **anciliorum**, as if the genitive of 'ancilium'; so 'vectigaliorum,' Suet. Aug. c. 101. For a collection of similar cases see Macrob. Saturn. 1. 4. The 'ancile' was one of the pledges of the eternity of Rome. For the legend of its descent from heaven, and for the meaning of the plural 'ancilia,' see Ov. Fast. 3. 345-384.

nominis, sc. 'Romani.'

togae, Virg. Aen. 1. 282 'gentem togatam.'

11, 12. 'As if Vesta's fire could be quenched, or Jove's Capitol were levelled.'

13 foll. 'It was this danger which Regulus had foreseen when he counselled the senate not to ransom himself and his fellow captives.' The danger which he foresaw was, that if there were the hope of ransom, Roman soldiers would come to prefer captivity to a brave death. *Now* they had come to acquiesce in it, so much as even to forget their own country.

15. **trahentis** = 'derivantis.' 'Tracing the stream of ruin that would flow to future ages from the precedent, if,' &c. No exact parallel for the phrase 'perniciem trahere' in the sense of 'to trace the stream of ruin' has been alleged; though the metaphor of the stream is common enough, as 3. 6. 19 'Hoc fonte derivata clades In patriam populumque fluxit'; but as we say of one who points out a 'derivation' that he 'derives,' so in Latin the idea of actually

drawing a stream passes easily into that of *tracing* it. Cp. 3. 17. 5 'nepotum Per memores genus omne fastos Auctore ab illo ducis originem.' And Virg. G. 3. 121 'Et patriam Epirum referat fortisque Mycenae, Neptunique ipsa deducat origine gentem.' All the MSS., as well as Acr. and Porph., support 'trahentis.' Canter's conjecture, 'trahenti,' seems to have been the reading of the Schol. Cruq., and is in itself more likely, 'a precedent which would bring ruin.' Bentley would read 'exempli trahentis,' construed after the analogy of 'mali exempli,' &c.

17. *periret*. The lengthening of the short syllable is possibly justified by the caesura, see on 2. 20. 13. It is not parallel to 'caeca timet aliunde,' 2. 13. 16, and other cases in which the metrical accent falls on the lengthened syllable. Horace does not seem to have allowed a second trochee in the Alcaic, as Alcaeus himself did. No alteration is likely; 'perirent' is doubtful in point of number, and 'perires' (Lachmann) is too rhetorical.

immiserabilis, unpitied, as he deserves to be.

18. *signa* has force as the first word of Regulus' speech, striking again the key-note of the Ode, recalling the bitterest memory of Carrhae, the loss of the standards. The twice repeated 'ego' is also emphatic. 'Listen to me—I can tell you what the captivity of Roman soldiers really means. I have seen it.'

20. *sine caede derepta*. Contrast Virgil's (Aen. 11. 193) 'Spolia occisis derepta Latinis.'

22. *retorta*, so in the description of a triumph, Epp. 2. 1. 191 'Mox trahitur manibus regum fortuna retortis.'

tergo libero, ablative of place; more usually 'post tergum.' 'A freeman's back'; see on 1. 15. 19 'adulteros crines.'

23. *portas*, the gates of Carthage.

non clausas, the sign of peace and security; 'apertis otia portis,' A. P. 199. Cp. Virg. Aen. 2. 27 'Panduntur portae, iuvat ire,' &c.

24. *Marte nostro*, with 'populata,' 'the fields that our arms had ravaged again in tillage.'

27. *damnum*, 'pecuniae,' Porph. Ritter well quotes 'grandes rhombi patinaeque Grande ferunt una cum damno dedecus,' Sat. 2. 2. 95. 'The money is wasted, for the ransomed soldier will be worthless.'

neque . . . nec = 'as not . . . so not.' Compare the use of οὔτε . . . οὔτε in a simile, Aesch. Cho. 258–261 οὐτ' αἰετοῦ γένεθλ' ἀποφθείρας, πάλιν | πέμπειν ἔχοις ἂν σήματ' εὐπιθῇ βροτοῖς | οὐτ' ἀρχικός σοι πᾶς ὄδ' αὖανθεῖς πυθμῆν | βωμοῖς ἀρήξει βουθίτοις ἐν ἡματι.

28. *medicata*. A translation (as 'venenum' in Epp. 2. 1. 207 'Lana Tarentino violas imitata veneno,' cp. Virg. G. 2. 465) of the Greek φάρμακον—φαρμάσσειν, used of dyeing.

fucō, any kind of dye. Properly a seaweed, used apparently for giving the first dye to stuffs which were to be dyed purple, Plin. N. H. 9. 38.

30. *deterioribus*, masculine; whether it be the dative, 'to be

restored to'; or the ablative, 'to be replaced in.' 'Deterior a bono, peior a malo dicimus,' Schol.

31. *si*, 'when . . . then, and not till then,' &c.

33. *perfidis se credidit*. Cp. 3. 27. 25 '*doloso credidit*.' 'Perfidis' explains and justifies '*credidit*'; although without such an opposition, '*dedidit*' or '*tradidit*' would be, as Bentley shows, the more usual verb. The '*perfidy*' of the foes to whom he surrenders is in point, both as showing by a side touch the *folly* of his cowardice, and also, like the '*closeness*' of the toils, as contributing to unman the soldier who has once been in their power.

36. *iners*, like '*ignavus*' = '*imbellis*,' 'the coward,' 4. 9. 29, Sat. 1. 7. 15. Compare Virgil's uses of it, Aen. 4. 158 '*Spumantemque dari pecora inter inertia votis Optat aprum*'; 11. 414 '*dextras tendamus inertis*.'

timuitque mortem. Bentley connects these words with the following stanza, and reads '*timuitque mortem Hinc unde vitam sumeret aptius, Pacem et duello miscuit*,' i. e. has shrunk from the sword, which to a brave man is the security of life, as though it were only an implement of death. '*Aptius*' is found in several MSS., and some of value, but there is no trace of the other alterations, '*hinc*,' '*et*,' which it seems to necessitate. '*Inscius*' is found in the great majority of MSS., and was read by all the Scholiasts, one of whom interprets '*qui nesciret vitam viro forti potius de armis sperandam*.' Bentley objects to the vulg., that the last charge '*timuitque mortem*' involves '*minorem culpam quam ea quae praecesserant*.' But it is quite in the old Roman spirit to sum up the baseness of the captives in the charge that they '*feared death*.' Compare the title *ὁ τρέσας*, affixed to the Spartan who escaped at Thermopylae, Hdt. 7. 231, and Tyrtaeus 8. 12 (Bergk) *τρεσσάντων δ' ἀνδρῶν πᾶσ' ἀπόλῳλ' ἀρετή*.

37. *hic*, '*captum militem quasi reum ad iudices ductum aggreditur*,' Ritter.

sumeret. The subjunctive has to do double duty; for that mood would be required if it were merely the indirect question, '*ignorant whence he drew*'; but it has a further force, as representing the deliberative '*unde sumam?*' Cp. Epod. 5. 85 '*dubius unde rumperet*.'

38. *pacem duello miscuit*, 'has forgotten the difference between peace and war'; in the latter safety is to be won only by the sword. With the whole thought cp. Sall. Jug. 39 '*Aulo omnes infesti quod armatus dedecore potius quam manu salutem quaesiverat*.'

40. *altior ruinis*, lifted higher (in appearance—relative height) by the fall of Italy.

41. *fertur*. Cp. 3. 20. 12: it is the common formula when the narrator would throw the responsibility of his narrative on hearsay or tradition. Here it is intended to call a momentary attention to the contrast between the spirit of Regulus and the spirit of modern Rome. 'Strange as it sounds, they tell us.'

42. *ut capitis minor*, a poetical form of '*capite deminutus*';

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the genitive after the analogy of 'integer vitae,' 'captus animi,' &c. 'Capite deminutus est qui in hostium potestatem venit,' Fest. It is in Horace's manner, by a slight alteration of the common formula, at once to recall and to avoid a technicality which, if literally reproduced, would be harsh or pedantic. See on 2. 4. 24, 4. 2. 42, 4. 14. 1, and compare notes on 3. 27. 38, 4. 15. 9. He refused, according to Cicero, 'sententiam dicere,' 'to speak in his place,' 'quamdiu iureiurando hostium teneretur non esse se senatorem.'

44. Ar. Ran. 804 ἔβλεψεν οὖν ταυρηδὸν ἐγκύψας κάτω.

45. **donec . . . firmaret.** 'Till he could brace up the resolve of the fathers and hasten his departure;,' 'donec' of purpose; but a contrast is intended between his stern sadness, so long as it was still doubtful whether the senate would listen to his counsel, and the light heart with which, his purpose accomplished, he set out on his return to torture and death.

46. **auctor** is opposed constantly to 'suasor.' Sometimes as one who brings weight and dignity to back his advice; sometimes as one who originates as well as urges a proposal. The senate acted 'auctore Regulo,' 'by the advice and under the influence of Regulus.'

48. **egregius exsul**, an oxymoron, as 'splendide mendax,' 3. 11. 35.

49. **atqui sciebat.** Cp. the last sentence of the passage quoted in the Introd. from the De Officiis, 'Neque vero tum ignorabat [Regulus] se ad crudelissimum hostem et ad exquisita supplicia proficisci, sed iusiurandum conservandum putabat.'

52. **reditus**, plural, as in Epod. 16. 35.

54. **diiudicata lite.** Cp. Epp. 1. 7. 76 'Rura suburbana indictis . . . ire Latinis.' The advice and protection of clients is represented as one of the great burdens of the city life of the great in Rome. (Epp. 1. 5. 31 'postico falle clientem,' &c.) Whether the 'lis,' which is now over, is one which the patron has heard and settled himself, or one in which he has been supporting his client in court, is a question decided authoritatively each way by about an equal number of commentators, but apparently on next to no evidence.

55. **Venafranos**, see on 2. 6. 16.

56. **Lacedaemonium**, 2. 6. 11 'regnata Laconi Rura Phalanto.' Venafrum and Tarentum are named as places to which a Roman would go for his holiday. Notice the quiet ending of the poem, the conventional epithet, raising no new picture, appealing at the most to distant historical associations, feeding not so much the mind as the ear, and even that with a certain sameness of sound. This characteristic of Horace's style is noticed on Od. 2. 19. 31, 4. 2. 57. It belongs partly to himself, partly to the poetic art generally. It finds instinctive expression in the ending of the Iliad as in that of Paradise Lost. The passion in poetry which gives pleasure is not unbridled passion, but passion felt to be measured and controlled by mind. This is the intellectual side of the pleasure added to poetry by the recurrences of rhyme and metre.

ODE VI

'WE are suffering for our fathers' sins. They let the temples go to ruin. They let the sacredness of marriage laws be tampered with. Our blood is poisoned, and we go from bad to worse. They sprang from different parents, and had healthier homes, who conquered Pyrrhus and Antiochus and Hannibal. Our sons will be worse than we are. Where is the remedy?'

This Ode, though probably written before it, is in subject the complement of the last. It traces to its source the decline of the military spirit of which that complains, and includes in the arraignment Roman daughters and mothers. As that points to Augustus' plans of foreign conquest, so this points to his restoration of temples and religious ceremonial (cp. 2. 15) and his legislation on social questions (cp. 3. 24; 4. 5. 21 foll.; Carm. Saec. 17, 20). Cp. Suet. Oct. 30, and Merivale, ch. 33.

1. **immeritus**, not that Horace would say generally that the existing generation was innocent, but their punishment was not all for their own sins. In part they were 'paying for the sins of their sires in which they had had no share,' and would continue to pay for them till they undid them.

2. **Romane**, a general address to the people, Sat. 1. 4. 85; cp. A. P. 54, Virg. Aen. 6. 852.

templa . . . aedesque, synonyms, the second substantive being only a vehicle for the epithet, like Virgil's 'Limen erat caecaeque fores . . . postesque relictæ.'

refeceris, the task that Augustus was engaged in, Suet. Oct. 30 'Aedes sacras vetustate collapsas aut incendio absumptas refecit.'

4. **fumo**, perhaps from the 'incendia' of which Suet. l. c. speaks.

5. **te minorem geris**, cp. 1. 12. 57 'Te minor latum reget aequus orbem.'

6. **hinc**, sc. 'est.' Liv. 45. 39 'maiores vestri omnia magnarum rerum et principia exorsi ab Dis sunt et finem statuerunt.' It is the forgetfulness of this which has constituted the 'neglect' of the next verse.

For the scansion of **principium** see on 3. 4. 41.

7. **neglecti**, 'because they were forgotten,' 3. 2. 30 'Diespiter neglectus.'

9. **bis Monaeses et Pacori manus**. Three defeats of Roman armies by the Parthians are recorded—that of Crassus at Carrhae by Surenas, B.C. 53; that of Decidius Saxa, legatus of M. Antony, in Syria by Pacorus, the son of Orodes, and Labienus the republican renegade, in B.C. 40; and that of M. Antony in Media in B.C. 36. Pacorus himself had been killed in battle in B.C. 38. The only Monaeses known to history was the Parthian noble who, having fled, like many others, from the tyranny of Phraates IV (the son to

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whom Orodes I in his grief at the death of Pacorus had resigned the crown), instigated Antony to his ill-advised invasion of Parth. in B.C. 36. Before Antony's advance Monaeses was induced by Phraates to return to him, and Mommsen (R. G. Div. Aug. 5. 40-43) concludes that he was in command of the forces which in the next months inflicted the defeat on Antony. He explains therefore Horace's 'bis' of the calamities of B. C. 40 and 36.

10. **non auspicatos** is not an epithet, but predicative: it gives the reason of the defeats and is the link with the last stanza. It was especially mentioned of Crassus' expedition that 'proficiscentem in Syriam diris cum omnibus tribuni plebis frustra retinere conati,' Vell. Pat. 2. 46.

13. **paene**, with 'delevit.' 'While we were intent on our civil wars the barbarians of north and south all but destroyed Rome,' a poetical exaggeration. For the Daci see Introd. to Books i-iii, § 7.

14. **Aethiops** represents the Egyptian fleet of Cleopatra; cp. Virgil's account of the rout at Actium, Aen. 8. 705 'omnis eo terrore Aegyptus et Indi, Omnis Arabs, omnes vertebant terga Sabaei.'

17. **fecunda culpa**e, for the gen. cp. 'ferax frondis,' 4. 4. 58.

saecula; it has been a gradual declension from age to age.

18. **genus et domos**, the young generation has vice in its blood, and sees examples of vice in its homes.

20. **patriam populumque**. If any distinction is intended, it is between the life and honour of the state as affected by defeat in war, &c., and the well-being of its individual citizens.

33-36. The First Punic War, cp. 2. 12. 3 'Siculum mare Poeno purpureum sanguine'; the war with Pyrrhus B.C. 275; that with Antiochus ended by the battle of Magnesia, B.C. 190; the Second Punic War.

35. **ingentem**, perhaps with reference to his cognomen 'Magnus.'

36. **dirum**, see on 2. 12. 2.

37. 'The manly sons of country-bred soldiers.' The fathers are meant to have gone through the same training as the sons, 'utilis bello tulit . . . saeva paupertas,' &c., 1. 12. 42.

38-44. 'To dig all day, and then, when even the bullocks were tired out and loosed from the plough, to cut and carry fagots till a stern mother called "enough."'

38. **Sabellis ligonibus**, see on 1. 31. 9 'Calena falce.' Sabellus (Sat. 1. 9. 29, 2. 1. 36, Epp. 1. 16. 219) is Horace's name for the country-folk of his own native district.

42. **mutaret umbras**, was making the shadows of the hills fall another way from that in which they fell in the morning. The whole stanza describes evening.

46-48. Horace seems to have had in view the lines of Aratus (Phaen. 123) οἴην χρυσεῖην πατέρες γενεὴν ἐλίποντο | χειροτέρην ὑμεῖς δὲ κατώτερα τεξείεσθε.

47. **daturus**, 'partu dabit Ilia prolem,' Virg. Aen. 1. 274.

ODE VII

'DO not weep, Asterie, for your absent Gyges. He will come back to you with the spring and bring a wealth of Bithynian merchandise. He will come back: he is only detained by the winter in the harbour to which he was driven on his way home. He lies awake at night thinking of you. It is all in vain that his hostess Chloe tries every art to win him, sends emissaries to tell him of her passion and to prove to him from mythology the folly of constancy; he turns a deaf ear to it all. Only mind you do as well. Your neighbour Enipeus is a brave young gallant, but don't open your window if he comes to serenade you.'

As Orelli characterizes it, 'εἰδύλλιον mercatorum vitam amoresque lyrice describens.' The names are Greek, the life Roman. Notice the effect of this Ode in relieving by its lightness and grace the seriousness of the preceding six. Compare the position of Od. I. 38.

Metre—*Fifth Asclepiad*.

1-8. The first stanza gives the reasons why she should not weep for him: 'He will come back with the west winds of spring with the merchandise for which he sailed, and he will come back true to you.' The second stanza justifies the first prophecy, 'he is only detained by the weather'; and the second, 'even now he is pining to be at home with you.'

1. *candidi*, I. 7. 15.

3. *Thyna*, Bithynian, I. 35. 7, Epp. I. 6. 33.

4. *fide*, an archaic contracted form of the genitive, as 'die,' Virg. G. 1. 208. It appears for the dative in Sat. I. 3. 95 'commissa fide.' There is, however, some little doubt as to the form here, the best existing MSS. reading 'fidei' as a disyllable. Against this must be set the fact that in Sat. I. 3. 95 they are unanimous for 'fide.'

5. *Notis*, the plur. of continuous south winds, so 'Aquilonibus,' 3. 10. 4.

Oricum, an important haven on the coast of Epirus within the shelter of the Acroceraunian headland, into which ships making the passage from Greece to Italy might be driven by unfavourable winds. The idea is that Gyges has tried to cross late in the sailing season and has been driven into Oricus, where he must now wait till the spring opens the sea again. Cp. 4. 5. 9-12.

6. *insana*, as 'vesani Leonis,' 3. 29. 19, there as bringing heat, here storms.

Caprae, 'signum pluviale Capellae.' Ov. Fast. 5. 113, the brightest star of Auriga, to which also the Haedi belong. It is the mythical goat that suckled the infant Jupiter.

9. *atqui*, I. 23. 9, 3. 5. 49, Epod. 5. 67. It is strongly adversa-

tive, 'And yet.' 'He is sleepless and tearful for love of you, and yet he has strong temptations to inconstancy.' He is preparing for the moral, 'whatever are your temptations, mind you are as constant as he.'

sollicitae, as 'cura,' of the restless preoccupation of love.

hospitae, at whose house he is lodging.

10. **tuis ignibus**, 'a passion for one who is yours,' 'a passion which only you have a right to feel.'

12. **temptat**, as 'temptare precando,' Virg. Aen. 4. 113, 293, the idea of laying siege to a city, trying every approach; probably also a reference to the special meaning of *πειράν* cp. 'temptator Dianae,' I. 4. 71.

13. **mulier perfida**. Antea, according to Homer; Sthenoboea, according to others. The story of Bellerophon's refusal of Antea's advances and of her unsuccessful scheme for his destruction is told by Glaucus, his grandson, in Il. 6. 155 foll.

perfida credulum. She was treacherous and he was easy. Horace delights in such antithetical placing of adjectives, see on I. 3. 10, and comp. 3. 5. 33 'perfidis credidit.'

14. **impulerit**, with infin. see on I. 1. 8.

16. **maturare necem**, to hasten a man's death, i.e. to kill him before his time; see Cic. pro Clu. 61.

18. **Magnessam**, from Iolcus, a city of the Magnetes in Thessaly, 'ad differentiam alterius Hippolytes, Amazonum reginae, uxoris Thesei,' Schol.

Hippolyten, Pind. Nem. 4. 56 foll., 5. 25 foll.; according to others her name was Astydameia. Peleus was accused by her to Acastus of assailing her honour, τὸ δ' ἐναντίον ἔσκεν. Acastus left him alone on Mount Pelion, having first taken away his sword, hoping that the Centaurs might find him and slay him; but he was saved by Chiron, and Zeus Xenius rewarded his virtue with the hand of Thetis.

20. **historias**, *μύθους*, as Prop. 2. 1. 16, 5. 1. 119.

monet, 'calls to his mind'; 'mouet' and 'monet' are so nearly alike that the preponderance of MS. authority in favour of the latter can hardly be conclusive. There is the same doubt in the text of Ov. A. A. 3. 651 'Quid iuvat ambages praeceptaque parva monere?' which would be the nearest parallel for this use of 'monere.' There are more abundant illustrations of 'movere,' 'fatorum arcana,' Virg. Aen. 1. 262, 'cantus,' ib. 7. 641.

21. **frustra**; for the emphatic position cp. 3. 13. ὁ 'Frustra . . . nam gelidos,' &c.

scopulis surdior, a common-place of the poets. Cp. Epod. 17. 53 'Non saxa nudis surdiora navitis'; Eur. Med. 28 ὥς δὲ πέτρος ἢ θαλάσσιος κλύδων ἀκούει, with the same intended oxymoron as in 'surdior . . . audit.'

Icari, either 'of the island Icarus,' the island round which the Icarian sea breaks, or less likely 'of Icarus,' sc. the son of Daedalus, as if the sea might be called 'mare Icari' as well as 'mare Icarium,'

and then the rocks that border it the 'rocks of Icarus.' For the 'mare Icarium' see on I. I. 15.

22. *adhuc*, 'to this hour,' not, as 'hactenus' would, implying any doubt of his continuing so.

integer, 2. 4. 22.

at tibi, by its emphatic position strikes the key-note of the remainder of the poem.

23. *Enipeus*, the name taken from a river of Thessaly, compare 'Hebrus,' 3. 12. 6. Compare the same Ode for the accomplishments likely to win a lady's heart, 'simul unctos Tiberinis,' &c., and notice there also the combination of Greek names with all the circumstances of Roman life.

28. *Tusco alveo*; Virg. G. 1. 499 'Tuscum Tiberim.'

denatat, a word not found elsewhere.

29. *neque*, Madv. § 459, obs.

30. *sub*, 'at the sound of,' as ὑπό, e.g. Soph. El. 711 χαλκῆς ὑπαὶ σάλπιγγος ἤξαν.

ODE VIII

THE Ode is written for an expected or imagined visit of Maecenas, on the first anniversary of the poet's narrow escape from the falling tree (2. 13, 2. 17. 27, 3. 4. 27). The festival of March 1 was the Matronalia. Maecenas is supposed on his entry to wonder what can be the reason that a bachelor's home shows preparation for sacrifice on such a day. The answer is, that the poet is paying a vow to Bacchus, which he had made at the time of his miraculous preservation. 'The best wine is to be brought out,' and so the Ode passes into an invitation to Maecenas to enter into the spirit of the time—to forget the troubles of State. 'All is going well; the Dacians are checked, the Parthians quarrelling among themselves, even the Cantabrian subdued at last, and the Scythians unstringing their bows; Maecenas may enjoy a little privacy and immunity from care.'

On the questions raised as to the date of the Ode see Introd. to Books i-iii, § 8.

1. *Martiis Kalendis*, 'femineas Kalendas,' Juv. 9. 53. The origin and nature of the Matronalia are told in Ov. Fast. 3. 233 foll.

2. *flores*, part of the rites of the day. 'Ferte deae flores: gaudet florentibus herbis Haec dea: de tenero cingite flore caput,' Ov. l. c.

4. *caespite vivo*, a temporary altar of fresh-cut turf; I. 19. 14. Cp. Virg. Aen. 12. 118 'In medioque focos et dis communibus aras Gramineas.'

5. *docte sermones*, 'for all your skill in the lore of either tongue.' 'Sermones,' λόγοι, will include literature, antiquities, and mythological and ritual knowledge.

utriusque linguae, an habitual phrase for Greek and Latin, barbarous tongues being ignored. 'Ut par sis in utriusque orationis facultate,' Cic. de Off. 1. 1. 1. Cp. Hor. Sat. 1. 10. 23. Horace addresses Maecenas as 'docte' in Epp. 1. 19. 1.

6. **voveram**. The plpft., because he is explaining the antecedent ground of a past action, viz. of this preparation of the altar, flowers, &c.

dulcis epulas, 'a dainty feast'; cakes were offered as well as the victim. Mart. 9. 91. 15 foll. 'Sic Martis tibi serviant Kalendae Et cum ture meroque victimaque Libetur tibi candidas ad aras Secta plurima quadra de placenta.'

7. **Libero**, see on Od. 2. 17. 28. Bacchus would interfere to preserve him as one of the gods of poetry.

caprum, a goat, as the fitting offering to Bacchus. Virg. G. 2. 380; 'white,' because he is one of the 'Di superi'; black victims were offered to the 'inferi.'

funeratus, 'brought to my grave.' The word in this metaphorical sense is not found elsewhere.

9. **hic dies**, &c., 'this day a holiday in each returning year.'

10. In order to ripen the wine sooner, it was customary to construct the 'apotheca' in such a place as to be exposed to the smoke and hot air of the bath furnaces. This rendered it more necessary carefully to protect the cork (as here with a coating of pitch), lest the flavour of the smoke should penetrate to the wine. See Dict. Ant. s. v. 'vinum.'

11. **bibere institutae**, 'which was taught the lesson of drinking.'

12. **consule Tullo**, probably L. Volcatius Tullus, who was consul in B.C. 66, the year before Horace's birth. Cp. 3. 21. 1 'O nata mecum Consule Manlio.' This was not an extreme age (cp. 3. 14. 13 'Cadum Marsi memorem duelli,' i.e. as old as B.C. 88), and the occasion demands the oldest wine in the cellar. Another L. Volcatius Tullus was consul with Augustus in B.C. 33.

13. **amici**, the genitive of the person in whose honour the cup is drunk. Cp. 3. 19. 9 foll. 'Da lunae propere novae, Da noctis mediae, da, puer, auguris Murenæ.' The custom and the construction are Greek. Theoc. 14. 18 ἔδοξ' ἐπιχεῖσθαι ἄκρατον | ὥτινος ἦθελ' ἕκαστος, ἔδει μόνον ὥτινος εἰπῆν. Orelli quotes also Antiph. in Athen. 10. 21 κυάθους θεῶν τε καὶ θεανῶν μυρίους. This illustrates also 'centum' for an indefinite number. Maclean, referring to the custom mentioned in Ov. Fast. 3. 531 foll. ('Sole tamen vinoque calent, annosque precantur Quot sumant calices, ad numerumque bibunt. Invenies illic qui Nestoris ebibat annos, Quae sit per calices facta Sibylla suos'), thinks it is equivalent to saying, 'wish me a hundred years of life.'

14. **vigiles**, to keep the banquet up all night; 1. 27. 5, 3. 21. 23 'vivae lucernae'; Virg. Aen. 9. 338 'Aequasset nocti ludum in lucemque tulisset.' Orelli contrasts the expression of Ov. Her. 19. 195 'iam dormitante lucerna.'

15, 16. 'It shall be a sober and peaceful merrymaking'; no 'impius clamor,' 1. 27. 7; no 'male ominata verba,' 3. 14. 11. The purpose is apparently to make more alluring to Maecenas the contrast from the tumults and troubles of the city. Perhaps also to give something of a religious air to the banquet of thanksgiving.

17. *civilis*, 'domesticas,' opposed to the foreign questions of the following lines.

super urbe; Virg. Aen. 4. 233 'Nec super ipse sua molitur laude laborem.' For the reference see Introd. to Books i-iii, § 8.

18. *Daci Cotisonis*; see Introd. to Books i-iii, § 7.

19. *Medus*, 'the Parthian'; see on 1. 2. 22. The point that the Mede's whole offensive power is exhausted on himself in intestine quarrels is brought out by the position of 'sibi' standing where it seems equally open to be governed by 'infestus,' 'luctuosis,' and 'dissidet.' See on 1. 3. 6.

21. *vetus hostis*; Od. 2. 6. 2, 4. 14. 41, Epp. 1. 12. 26.

23. *laxo arcu*; Virg. Aen. 11. 874, of retreat, 'laxos referunt umeris languentibus arcus.' The Scythians are thinking of retiring from the plains which they have been accustomed to harry. Cp. 2. 9. 23.

25. *neglegens*, 'Be careless for a time; be a private citizen: spare thy over-anxiety lest in any way the people should take harm.' 'Ne laboret' seems to be constructed, in Horace's manner, ἀπὸ κοινοῦ with 'neglegens' (= 'non curans') and 'cavere.' Orelli, Ritter, and Dill^r. take 'privatus' as = 'cum sis privatus,' 'since you are,' &c.; but surely Horace would not undervalue the public character of Maecenas' offices, however informal and unknown to the law they might be. He would not after saying 'you have on your shoulders the whole weight of home and foreign policy,' add, 'after all you are only an "eques," it is nothing to you if public affairs go wrong.' Bentley is not more satisfactory; he thinks that 'privatus cavere,' 'to be anxious for your private interests,' answers to the 'public care' of the preceding verse.

26, 27. All the good MSS. have 'et' at the end of v. 26, all but Aa (which have ac) omit the copula at the end of 27. Bentley would omit it in v. 26, and insert 'et' in 27, and has been followed by many editors.

ODE IX

THE reconciliation of two lovers who have quarrelled: one is 'Lydia,' the other is not named. The form of the Ode is like the amœbean eclogues of Theocritus and Virgil.

We may note the dramatic propriety of the feelings throughout.

His the pride of possession, hers the pride of being first in his eyes.

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His the attraction of Chloe's accomplishments, hers the happiness of love that is returned.

His the lordly relenting that offers to cast off Chloe and open the gate again to Lydia, hers (with one little womanly hit in the implied comparison of his beauty with that of Calais) the passionate delight, for all his fickleness and bad temper, to live and die with him.

Metre—*Third Asclepiad*.

2. **potior**, a preferred rival, as in Epod. 15. 13.

4. **Persarum rege**; 2. 12. 21. Cic. Tusc. 5. 12. 35 'ne de Persarum quidem rege magno potes dicere beatusne sit.' That is from Plat. Gorg. 26. 470, but a comparison of 2. 2. 17 will show that, though the 'happiness' of a 'Persian king' is proverbial, and Greek rather than Latin, yet Horace so completely identifies Persians and Parthians, that he would hardly have understood his commentators when they say that he is referring here, not to the Parthians, but to the old Persian monarchy.

5. **alia arsisisti**; 2. 4. 8 'arsit virgine.'

7. **multi Lydia nominis**, not as though literally the world knew her name; but she felt as proud of his preference as if she had a fame equal to that of Ilia. For the genitive 'nominis' see Madv. § 287.

8. **Romana**, the ancestress of Rome (as the mother of Romulus, according to one form of the legend; cp. 1. 2. 17). The epithet indicates the source and the extent of her fame.

10. **citharae sciens**; 1. 15. 24 'pugnae sciens.'

12. **animae**, 'her life.' It has also been taken for 'my life,' i. e. Chloe: cp. 'meae partem animae,' 2. 17. 5 and 1. 3. 8.

14. **Thurini filius Ornyti**; see Introd. to 2. 4. The fullness of the designation is probably, as Ritter points out, as much as to say, 'He is a real person. I can tell you all about him if you wish, as well as you can tell me of Chloe and her charms.' Cp. 3. 12. 6. **Thurii** seems to be selected for its old reputation of wealth and luxury; the others are mythological names, chosen 'ut poetica et sonora,' Orelli. 'Ornytus' is used by Virg. Aen. 11. 677.

16. **puero**. It is not quite easy to see the point of Lydia's variation from 'animae.' It may be merely for variety's sake. Possibly, however, 'animae,' taken in connexion with the early lines of the stanza, which had not touched a very deep chord, might have seemed conventional, and have provoked the simpler and more personal, and so more feeling 'puero.'

18. **iugo aeneo**, 1. 33. 11, of its strength; 'irrupta copula,' 1. 13. 18.

cogit, 'brings together.' Virg. Aen. 7. 639 has 'ad iuga cogit equos.'

19. **excutitur**, is dislodged from her influence over my heart. Virg. Aen. 5. 679 'excussa pectore luno est'; or, as Bentley

thinks, 'from my house,' so as to correspond with 'patet ianua Lydiae.' It is hard to be sure of the exact metaphor felt in 'excutitur,' or even whether it and 'patet ianua' are either or both of them metaphorical.

20. *Lydiae*, the dative, not the genitive, as it has been taken.

21. *sidere pulchrior*; 3. 19. 26 'Puro te similem, Telephe, vespero.' Astyanax in Hom. Il. 6. 401 is *ἐναλίγκιος ἀστέρι καλῷ*.

23. *iracundior*. His levity and his passionate temper have both been shown in the quarrel which is being made up.

Hadria; 1. 33. 15.

ODE X

WHAT the Greeks called a *παρακλανσίθυρον*. Other specimens may be seen and compared in Theoc. 3. 23 foll., Propert. 1. 16. 17 foll. Cp. also Horace, Od. 1. 25. 6-8, 3. 7. 29 foll.

The poet personates a lover singing under his mistress' window on a frosty night, and appealing to her pity to let him in. 'Venus will resent and punish your pride; you have no right from your origin to give yourself the airs of a Penelope. Though no human feelings—gratitude, pity, jealousy—will make you love me, yet as a goddess be merciful. O, hard and cruel heart! there are limits to your lover's patience.'

Compare with the Ode 4. 13, which seems to be the revenge which is here threatened.

Metre—Fourth Asclepiad.

1. *Tanain si biberes*, 2. 20. 20 'Rhodani potor'; 4. 15. 13 'qui Danuvium bibunt.' The form of expression is as old as Hom. Il. 2. 825 *πίνοντες ὕδωρ μέλαν Αἰσθήποιο*. 'If you were a Scythian, with a husband as stern as husbands are there.' Cp. 3. 24. 20-25 'peccare nefas aut pretium est mori.' Lyce's husband is of a different kind, v. 15.

2. *asperas*, morally, 'shut in my face.'

3. *incolis*, 'native,' sc. to Scythia. Horace suggests, though he does not say, that the north wind to-night is as cold as that of Scythia.

5. *nemus*. This is usually taken of the few trees which in a large house were planted within the 'peristylum'; see on Epp. 1. 10. 23 'inter varias nutritur silva columnas.' Ritter contends that Lyce is not imagined as in the rank of life to which such an appendage of a palace would be appropriate, and takes it of some public plantation, perhaps the 'duo luci' (Liv. 1. 8), between the two tops of the Capitoline.

6. *inter pulchra tecta*, 'Though we are not in the Scythian wilds, and though you are comfortably lodged, yet the wind howls outside as loudly and the frost bites as keenly.'

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7. **ventis**. Bentley wished to alter to 'sentis,' in order to avoid the double ablative 'strepitu,' 'ventis,' and the rather harsh zeugma by which 'audis' is constructed with 'ut glaciet nives.' But compare 1. 14. 6 and Virg. Aen. 4. 490 'mugire videbis Sub pedibus terram et descendere montibus ornos.'

8. **puro numine**. 'Numen' is divine power in exercise; 'numine glaciet nives,' as Virg. Aen. 4. 269 'caelum et terras qui numine torquet.' 'Puro,' of a clear sky, as 'Iuppiter uvidus,' 'frigidus,' &c. The ancients had observed that cold is greater with a cloudless sky.

10. 'Lest rope and wheel run back together.' Clearly a proverbial expression, though the origin is uncertain. The best illustration is that quoted from Lucian: *σὺ δὲ πάνυ χαλεπὴ αἰεὶ τῷ ἀνθρώπῳ γέγνησαι, καὶ ὅρα μὴ κατὰ τὴν παροιμίαν ἀπορρήξωμεν πάνυ τείνασαι τὸ καλῶδιον*. This would seem to give the image of lifting weights by a pulley. If the rope be drawn too roughly or too far it will break, the wheel will spin round the wrong way, and the weight fall back again. Lyce must not overdo her coyness, or she will exhaust the patience of Venus and of her lover.

retro, constr. *ἀπὸ κοινοῦ* with 'currente' and with 'eat.'

12. 'Your father was a Tuscan; you are no Penelope to resist suitors.' For the form cp. Virg. Aen. 3. 42 'non me tibi Troia Externum tulit.'

Tyrrhenus, perhaps only 'we know all about you; you must not set up for more than you are.' But the Etruscans seem to have had a bad name for luxurious living.

14. **tinctus viola pallor**, generally interpreted like Virg. E. 2. 48 'pallentes violas,' of the yellow violet. It appears to have been taken so by Calpurnius (Ecl. 9. 40) of an unhappy lover, 'Pallidior buxo violaeque simillimus erro.' But the words themselves more naturally suggest Ritter's interpretation, 'sublividus,' of a pale face scored with dark lines under the eyes.

15. **Pieria**, from the borders of Macedonia and Thessaly, as 'Thraessa Chloe.'

17. **rigida aesculo**, seems to be a continuance of the image of 'curvat,' 'You are as hard to bend as an oak bough.'

19. **aquae caelestis**; Epp. 2. 1. 135.

20. **latus**, he represents himself as lying on the doorstep, 'porrectum ante foris.' Cp. Epod. 11. 32 'Limina dura quibus lumbos et infregi latus.'

ODE XI

'O MERCURY and my lyre, teach me some strain that will win the obdurate ear of Lyde. She is like a young unbroken colt; but music has made tigers and forest trees and rivers stay to listen. It has tamed Cerberus, and beguiled the pain of Ixion and Tityus and the Danaids with their leaking pitchers. Let Lyde hear their

tale—how they slew their husbands, all save one—their punishment, and Hypermnestra's undying glory.'

Lyde is warned not '*placito pugnare amori*' by the story of the Danaids and their punishment, and the noble exception of Hypermnestra. The application of the story is not very close. The form of the Ode seems to be a nearer imitation than usual of the construction of an Ode of Pindar; the commencement by an invocation of Mercury and the lyre; the accidental way in which, through the recountal of the feats of music, the Danaids are introduced; the myth told at length, but left to be applied by the reader's wit. Compare 3. 3 and 3. 27.

For the story of the Danaids read Aesch. Pr. V. 853-869, and Ov. Her. 14 '*Hypermnestra Lynceo*,' which contains frequent reminiscences and expressions of passages in this Ode. Compare vv. 3, 4 '*Clausa domo teneor gravibusque coercita vinclis: Est mihi supplicii causa fuisse piam*,' &c. with vv. 45, 46 of the Ode, vv. 35, 36 with 41 foll., vv. 73, 74 '*Surge age, Belide, de tot modo fratribus unus; Nox tibi, ni properas, ista perennis erit*,' with vv. 37, 38, and vv. 127-130 with v. 51, see note.

Ritter suggests that the story would be especially familiar to the Roman public at the time when Horace was writing these Odes, from the fact that a group of the Danaids formed a chief feature in the portico of the temple of Apollo on the Palatine, which Augustus dedicated in B.C. 28 (see Od. I. 31). Prop. 3. 23. 4, Ov. A. A. I. 73, id. Am. 2. 2. 3.

1. **Mercuri**. Mercury is coupled with the '*testudo*,' *χέλυσ* (Hom. Hymn. Merc. 47 foll.), of which he was the mythical inventor. The whole tortoise-shell was used as a sounding bottom, the horns (*πήχεις*) rising from its end and supporting the *ζύγον*, from which the strings were stretched to it. See Dict. Ant.

nam te, &c. gives the reason for addressing the prayer to Mercury, and so is '*potes nam*,' Epod. 17. 45.

docilis, paired with '*te magistro*,' 'an apt pupil, with thee for his master.'

2. **Amphion**; A. P. 394 '*Dictus et Amphion, Thebanæ conditor urbis, Saxa movere sono testudinis*.'

3. **septem nervis**; Hom. I. c. 51 '*Ἐπτά δὲ συμφώνους ὀίων ἐτανύσσατο χορδὰς*. The substitution of the octave for the tetrachord is claimed for himself by Terpander (Fr. I, ed. Bergk), who lived about 650 B.C.

5. **loquax**, as *λάλος* = *εὐλαλος*. Theoc. uses *λαλεῖν* of musical sounds.

6. Compare Virgil's expression '*dis et mensis accepta secundis*,' G. 2. 101.

10. **exultim**, *ἄπαξ λεγ.*

metuit tangi; see on 2. 2. 7.

12. **cruda** = '*nondum matura*'; Virg. Aen. 7. 53 '*Iam matura viro, iam plenis nubilis annis*.'

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13. **comitesque**, to be taken with 'ducere,' so that the adjective covers 'tigris' as well as 'silvas'; see on 1. 2. 1, 1. 5. 6, and for the position of 'que' on 1. 30. 6. The reference in the following lines is to the story of Orpheus; cp. 1. 12. 8 foll., 2. 13. 33 foll., Virg. G. 4. 481 foll.

15. **immanis**. It is a question whether the adjective agrees with 'ianitor,' as Virg. Aen. 6. 400 'ingens ianitor,' or with 'aulae.' Orelli is probably right in preferring the latter, as 'aulae' seems to want an identifying epithet. Cp. Sil. 2. 551 'insomnis lacrimosae ianitor aulae.'

blandienti; Od. 1. 12. 11, 1. 24. 13.

17-20. This stanza has been condemned, as an interpolation, by Buttmann, Meineke, G. Hermann, Haupt, and others, both on account of its dull expansion of the idea of 'immanis ianitor aulae,' and specially on account of the unemphatic use of 'eius,' of which Bentley had previously complained. This is found in Ovid (Trist. 3. 4. 27), and in Horace's Satires (2. 1. 70, 2. 6. 76). In the only other instance of the word in the Odes (4. 8. 18), it is strongly demonstrative. Virgil does not use it at all. The expansion, however, is (as Jahn points out) quite in Horace's way (cp. 1. 12. 26-32, 2. 4. 9-12, 3. 4. 61-64, C. S. 41-44), and the details of horror all make it a stronger instance of the power of music. Bentley would remove part of the difficulty by reading for 'eius atque' 'exeatque.'

20. **ore trilingui**; see on 2. 13. 34 and 2. 19. 31.

21. **Tityosque**; see on 2. 14. 8. For the number of 'risit' see on 1. 3. 10.

22. **invito**, ἀγέλαστω, it was not naturally inclined to smiles.

26. **inane . . . pereuntis**, answering to one another, 'empty, because the water always ran away.' For the genitive see Madv. § 290 e, note.

27. **dolium** is the vessel full of holes which it is their hopeless task to fill. 'Urna,' in v. 22, is the smaller pitcher with which each draws water for the purpose.

pereuntis has both the original meaning of 'flowing through,' and also the common meaning of 'vanishing,' 'being wasted.' There is the same double sense in Lucr. 1. 250 'pereunt imbres'; 262 'non igitur penitus pereunt.'

28. **sera**, ὑστερόποινα.

30. **nam quid**, &c. He justifies the exclamation 'impiae,' and then repeats it.

potuere, repeated with a play on the double sense of 'posse,' to be able in respect of physical power, and to be able in respect of heart and will; the first = ἐδυνήθησαν, the second = ἔτλησαν. For the second sense cp. Epod. 9. 14 'miles spadonibus Servire rugosis potest.'

31. **duro**. For the meaning of the epithet cp. v. 45 'saevis catenis,' and see on Epod. 5. 30, Od. 4. 4. 57.

34. **periurum**, because he had betrothed his daughters to the

sons of his brother Aegyptus, and now bade them slay each her bridegroom.

35. *splendide mendax*, an oxymoron already familiar to poetry and poetical rhetoric. Aesch. Fr. 273 ἀπάτης δικαίας οὐκ ἀποστατεῖ, Soph. Ant. 74 ὅσια πανουργήσασα, Eur. Bacch. 334 καταψεύδου καλῶς, Cic. pro Mil. 27 'mentiri gloriose.'

40. *falle*, 'λάθε, decipe fugiendo,' Schol. Cp. Epp. 1. 5. 31 'postico falle clientem.'

41. 'Like lionesses that have come on a herd of calves, are rending, ah me! each her own.' She imagines what is even now passing in each chamber. 'Lacerant' continues the image of the lionesses; the simile passes into a metaphor.

45-47. *me, me*, 'I don't care for myself, if I can save you; my father may load me with chains, if you go free from the prison-house.' The antithesis is the same as in the epitaph quoted on v. 51.

46. *clemens misero*. For the relation of the adjectives see on 1. 3. 10.

49. *pedes et auræ*. The two are alternatives, for she means 'fly *either* by land *or* sea,' as it is put more fully in Epod. 16. 21 'Ire pedes quocumque ferent, quocumque per undas Notus vocabit'; so that this may be added to the many instances in which the Latin (and Greek) poets put conjunctively, as possibilities united in the fact of their being offered at the same time, what we should put disjunctively as alternative possibilities which cannot be realized at the same time. See on Od. 1. 3. 9, 3. 27. 5, Epod. 2. 13; compare Virg. G. 2. 25 'Quadrifidasque sudes et acuto robore vallos,' which describes two alternative modes of treating the 'stirpes' of the preceding verse; and Virg. Aen. 2. 645 'miserebitur hostis exuviasque petet,' of the different motives, one or other of which will induce some enemy to kill Anchises.

rapiunt has the inceptive force of the present, 'are waiting to snatch thee away.'

51. *nostri* = 'mei,' as 3. 27. 14 'Et memor nostri, Galatea, vivas.'

sepulcro, 'on my tomb'; perhaps a cenotaph, as the 'Hectoreus tumulus' of Virg. Aen. 3. 304. Ovid (Her. 14. 127) understands it of a request that he will actually bury her, and imagines the full epitaph which he is to inscribe, 'Exsul Hypermnestre, pretium pietatis iniquum, Quam mortem fratri depulit ipsa tulit.'

ODE XII

THIS Ode seems to be rightly taken as a soliloquy put into the mouth of Neobule. 'She is one of the unhappy maidens who can neither give free play to their love, nor forget it over the wine cup, without the dread of an uncle's fierce tongue. She

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cannot attend to her womanly work for the thought of Hebrus' beauty—Hebrus, as he comes fresh from his swim in the Tiber after his morning's exercise, for he is the best of riders, boxers, runners, huntsmen.'

The older theory made it all an address of the poet to Neobule. But in his mouth the contrast of the lot of men and women is not very graceful, nor the connexion between vv. 1-3 and the remainder of the Ode very clear, nor the recital of Hebrus' accomplishments very appropriate. Ritter, allowing the whole to be put into Neobule's mouth, makes vv. 4-12 the '*patruae verbera linguae*' which she imagines to herself. The uncle, however, would hardly spend the greater part of his scolding in praising her lover.

The verse which Hephaestion quotes, to illustrate the Ionic metre, from the beginning of a poem of Alcaeus, ἔμε δέϊλαν ἔμε παισῶν κακοτάτων πεδέχοισαν, reads as if Alcaeus' Ode had been in some way the original of this one, and it favours also the view that Neobule is speaking in this Ode of herself.

Metre—*Ionicum a minore*. See Index of Metres 10.

1. *dare ludum*, 'to humour,' 'to give its pleasure to'; '*desidia dare ludum*,' Plaut. Bacch. 4. 10. 9.

2. *mala vino lavere*. The coarseness to our taste is explained by Dill^r. as belonging to '*Graeci mores*'; by Orelli as parallel to '*sapias, vina liques*,' '*multi Damalis meri*,' &c., and as implying that Neobule was a '*libertina*.' Perhaps it may be better mitigated by observing that the contrast in Neobule's mind is not so much between one girl and another as between the lot of women and that of men. The latter have the choice of indulging their love or forgetting it in wine. 'Poor women' cannot do either.

aut. The alternative is, *either* not to do either of these things *or*, if we do them, to feel the terrors of an uncle's tongue. Cp. 3. 24. 24 '*peccare nefas aut pretium est mori*.'

3. *patruae*, 'an uncle's tongue' was proverbial. Sat. 2. 3. 88 '*ne sis patruus mihi*'; Cic. pro Cael. 11. 25 '*qui in reliqua vita mitis esset . . . fuit in hac causa pertristis quidam patruus, censor, magister*.'

4. *qualum*, a wicker basket of any kind, here the basket which held the wool; '*calatham μετωννμικῶς pro lanificio dicit*,' Acr. Comp. for the idea Sapph. Fr. 91 γλυκεῖα μάτερ, σῶτοι δύναμαι κρέκην τὸν ἴστον πόθῳ δάμεισα παῖδος βραδίαν δι' Ἀφροδίταν.

5. *operosae* = Ἐργάνης, an epithet of Pallas, especially as the patroness of women's work, see Lidd. and Scott s. v.

6. *Liparaei Hebri*, see on 3. 7. 23 '*Enipeus*.' '*Liparaei*,' from Lipara, the largest and only inhabited island of the Aeoliae 1^{ae} between the coasts of Sicily and Lucania. For the local designation see on 2. 4. Introd. The special place seems to owe its selection to the metrical convenience of its name. The same is the case with '*Neobule*'; see on '*Leuconoe*,' 1. 11. 2.

nitor, bright, fresh beauty. 'Glyceræ nitor,' 1. 19. 5.

7. *simul*, when he comes fresh from bathing after exercise of the kinds presently named.

unctos, cp. *Ov. Trist.* 3. 12. 19 foll. 'Usus equi nunc est, levis nunc luditur armis; Nunc pila, nunc celeri volvitur orbe trochus. Nunc ubi perfusa est oleo labente iuventus Defessos artus Virgine tingit aqua.' It would seem from this that they used the oil after exercise and before bathing. It has been otherwise taken of the anointing before some exercises, such as wrestling (*Od.* 1. 8. 8), and as implying such exercises; 'with the wrestler's oil still on them.'

8. *eques*, in app. to 'Hebri nitor,' taken as i. q. 'Hebrus nitidus.' Cp. *Sat.* 2. 1. 72 'Virtus Scipiadae et mitis sapientia Laeli.' The exercises named had preceded his bathe in the Tiber.

Bellerophonte, the mythical rider of Pegasus. The last syllable is long, the nominative being *Bellerophontes*. *Bentl.* compares 'Archigene,' *Juv.* 13. 98.

9. *segni pede*, we must supply 'segni' or some similar adjective to 'pugno,' 'for slowness of hand in boxing or foot in running.'

10-12. Skilful where good aim was wanted, quick of hand and foot where quickness was wanted.

11. *arto*. Some of the best MSS. read 'alto.' Either reading admits of many parallels; *βαθείης ἐκ ξυλόχοιο*, *Hom. Il.* 11. 415, 'stabula alta ferarum,' *Virg. Aen.* 6. 179, 'alto luco,' *ib.* 7. 95. On the other hand, *ἐν λόχμῃ πυκινῇ*, *Hom. Od.* 19. 439, 'artis obsitum dumis iter,' *Sen. Oed.* 277.

12. *excipere*, to receive the boar with the spear as he breaks from the covert.

ODE XIII

'*BANDUSIA Sabinensis agri regio est in qua Horatii ager fuit*,' *Acr.* The Ode itself certainly suggests such a locality. The poet seems to be at home at the spring. The surrounding objects are too familiar to obtrude themselves on the picture. The spring, now called 'Fontana degli Oratini,' on the hill-side between the two suggested sites for Horace's farm, answers well enough to the description. It gushes out at the bottom of a small face of rock, crowned now not by *ilex* but by a fig-tree, and its rush of cold water, the crystal clearness of the basin which it forms, and then the life with which it starts to bound and babble down the steep slope to the valley are quite enough to wake a poet's enthusiasm. On the other hand, it has been shown that as late as the twelfth century there was a church standing on a site which can be identified about six miles south of *Venusia*, which is named in ecclesiastical documents of the time as 'Eccl. SS. MM. Gervasi et Protasi in Bandusino Fonte apud Venusiam.' If this evidence be held conclusive we must either suppose that Horace writes

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from an affectionate memory of the Bandusian spring, such as he elsewhere shows of Mount Vultur, the nestling village of Acherontia, and other spots near the home of his boyhood; or, if 'cras donaberis' seems too definite for a mere address of fancy, we must conclude that at some period of his life he revisited Venusia. The fact, however, that he does not himself indicate the locality of the 'Fons Bandusiae' may have caused topographers to make various guesses in early times as well as late, and the Venusian claimant of the name need not be the genuine one. Verses 2-8 are probably interpreted of the Fontanalia, a festival on Oct. 12, named by Varro, Ling. Lat. 5, 'in fontis coronas iaciunt et puteos coronant.'

Metre—*Fifth Asclepiad.*

1. **vitro**, Virg. Aen. 7. 759 'vitrea Fucinus unda.'

2. **mero**, **floribus**, **haedo**. These seem to be three distinct offerings. For the flowers see the account of the Fontanalia quoted above. For the wine and the sacrifice cp. Ov. Fast. 3. 300 foll. 'Huc venit et fonti rex Numa mactat ovem, Plenaque odorati disponit pocula Bacchi.'

4. **cui frons**, &c., cp. 3. 22. 7 foll., 4. 2. 55 foll. Here the immediate purpose is to describe the age of the kid. Granted that a deity (and the spring is divinized) desired a sacrifice, he would be pleased by the details of the promised ceremony as well as by its ritual exactness. Perhaps we may add that as the victim was after all for the eating, not of gods, but of men, the religious ceremony being not much more than a 'grace before meat,' the offerer would take an interest in the delicacy of the offering, and would moralize with more complacency on the irony of its fate.

5. **destinat**, 'promises,' 'points to.'

6. **frustra**: **nam**, cp. 3. 7. 21.

6, 7. **gelidos**, **rubro**, a double antithesis is intended, Horace, after his manner (see on 2. 3. 9, 3. 4. 46, 4. 4. 10), indicating the contrast in each case by putting an epithet to only one of the two substantives, 'the cold [clear] stream,' 'the [warm] red blood.'

9. **hora**, 'season,' as A. P. 302 'sub verni temporis horam.'

Caniculæ, the name given by the Romans to Sirius, the brightest star in the constellation of the 'Great Dog.' On the history of the term 'dies Caniculares,' our 'dog days,' see Smith's Dict. Ant. s. v. 'Astronomia.'

12. **vago**, tired with wandering.

13. **fies fontium**, 'thou shalt become one of,' 'shalt take rank with' Dirce, Castalia, Arethusa, &c. For the partitive genitive with the verb cp. Sat. 1. 7. 35 'operum hoc, mihi crede, tuorum est,' Epp. 1. 9. 13 'Scribe tui gregis hunc,' and see Madv. L. G. § 284, obs. 2. He quotes Cic. pro Caec. 35. 102 'Ariminenses erant duodecim coloniarum,' 'were one of the twelve coloniae.'

14-17. **me...tuæ**. In the emphatic places. Thou shalt be famous, for my songs can confer fame.

15. **loquaces**, with 'desiliunt,' they babble as they leap down.

ODE XIV

WRITTEN on the return of Augustus, in B.C. 24, from his campaign in Spain, the last few months of which he had spent in sickness at Tarraco. The Ode may be compared for its subject with 4. 2 and 5.

‘Caesar is coming back a conqueror, like Hercules, from his dangerous expedition to Spain. Prepare a public *supplicatio*. His wife Livia, his sister Octavia, mothers who are recovering their sons-in-law or sons, the sons themselves and their young wives, all have their parts to play. I shall keep my private holiday too, for I feel the peace and security of Caesar’s rule. Unguent, boy, and a garland, and a cask of the oldest wine, and go and call Neaera. If you can’t get admittance to her, come away; we shall enjoy ourselves without her, though I should not have been so easy seventeen years ago.’

With the end of the Ode compare that of 1. 36 and 2. 11. The point of the last stanzas lies in the words ‘*eximet curas*,’ v. 14. The reason is given and then the feeling is exemplified.

1. **Herculis ritu**, Hercules was a favourite mythical prototype of Augustus; cp. 3. 3. 9, 4. 5. 36, Virg. Aen. 6. 802 ‘*Nec vero Alcides tantum telluris obivit*’: but here there is special reference (1) to the title ‘Hercules Victor’ under which he was worshipped in Rome, (2) to his journey into Spain after the oxen of Geryones.

modo . . . morte, a moment ago our thoughts were all on the danger of his expedition, now they are on the triumph of his return.

plebs, explained by Kiessling of the ‘*plebs urbana*.’ Augustus is said in the Monum. Ancy. to have distributed a ‘*congiarium*’ among the populace of Rome in his tenth consulship, that is in the present year, 24 B.C.

2. **morte venalem**. Maclean well quotes Aesch. in Ctes. § 160 *αἷματος ἐστὶν ἡ ἀπερὴ ὥνεια*: ‘morte’ meaning here, as *αἷματος* there, not necessarily the shedding of one’s blood, but the risk of shedding it: cp. ‘*mortemque volunt pro laude pacisci*,’ Virg. Aen. 5. 230.

5. **unico gaudens marito**, ‘whose whole joy is in her husband’; as though in identifying Livia the poet would compliment her as a Roman matron of the old type of conjugal loyalty. To take ‘unico’ as = ‘egregio’ would anticipate and reduce to a bathos the epithet ‘*clari ducis*.’ That the reference is to Livia, not to faithful wives generally, is clear from the mention of Augustus’ sister in v. 7.

6. **operata**, probably to be taken as ‘*solata*’ in Virg. G. 1. 293 (see Conington’s note) as a present participle, ‘come forth and sacrifice.’ For ‘operari’ in this technical sense, like ‘*facere*,’ *ῥέζειν*, cp. Virg. G. 1. 339 ‘*Sacra refer Cereri laetis operatus in herbis*.’

divis. This was the reading of Acr. and Porph., who interpret

'iustis divis,' sc. 'qui Caesari victoriam et reditum merenti dederunt.' Many of the older MSS. have 'sacris.' Bentley shows that both constructions of 'operari' are equally legitimate. 'Iustis sacris' would mean 'rites duly performed.'

8. **supplice vitta**; Virg. Aen. 4. 637 'ipsa pia tege tempora vitta.' This seems distinct from its ordinary use, by freeborn maids and matrons, to confine the hair.

10. **puellae**, of young wives, cp. 3. 22. 2. The matrons are bidden assist Livia and Octavia in the religious rites. The returning soldiers and the young wives to whom they are returning are bidden *ἐϋφημεῖν*, to keep a sacred silence, or not to interrupt the ceremony by too noisy delight.

11. **male ominatis**, *δυσφήμοις*. This was the reading of V, and the text which Acr. and Porph. interpreted ('ne incaute loquentes verbis omina facerent'). B and other good MSS. have 'nominatis.' It seems to be true, as Bentley argues, that no other instance can be quoted of a hiatus between a short and a long vowel when there is no natural break in the line; and such compounds as 'suaveolens,' 'graveolens,' &c., usually lose the 'e' in scansion. On the other hand, while the temptation would be strong to remedy an obvious blot, and the insertion of 'n' would easily suggest itself, we lack any authority for the use of 'nominatis' in any appropriate sense. Of professed conjectures, Bentley's 'inominatis' is the most plausible. In that case 'male' must mean 'with evil effect,' like 'fraude mala,' Od. 1. 3. 28.

14. **eximet**, 'banish.'

15. **mori metuam**, not in the sense of 3. 9. 11, but in the less usual sense of 'ne moriar metuam.' With the sentiment cp. 4. 15. 17 foll. 'Custode rerum Caesare non furor civilis,' &c.

18-20. 'A cask of wine of the date of the Marsic or Social War (B.C. 90-88), if one has possibly (*qua* is an abl., as Virg. Aen. 1. 18 'si qua fata sinant') escaped the roving bands of Spartacus (in the Servile War fifteen years later).' So the wine would be sixty-three years old; see on 3. 8. 12. Juvenal's 'Calcatamque tenet bellis Socialibus uvam,' 5. 31, is most likely a reference to this passage rather than a real date of wine which was drinkable in his time. Ritter points out that the reference to the succession of civil wars has probably a secondary purpose as heightening the feeling of the last stanza, the peace and security conferred on the world by Caesar's rule.

19. **Spartacum**, Epod. 16. 5.

21. **argutae**, 'clear-voiced,' for she is a singer.

22. **murreum**, fragrant with myrrh. Virg. Aen. 12. 100 'crinis . . . murrhæ madentis.'

cohibere crinem, i.e. to adorn herself for the purpose of coming to my house; cp. 2. 11. 12.

25. **albescens**; as he calls himself four years afterwards, 'præcanum,' Epp. 1. 20. 24. Horace was now in his forty-first year.

27. **ferrem**, for the tense see Madv. § 347, obs. 2.

28. **Planco.** L. Munatius Plancus was consul in B.C. 42, the year of Philippi. The date has doubtless a meaning, as the date of the wine had. The times have quieted down, and Horace has tamed down also since then. Dr. Verrall well points out, as instructive for other cases, how clearly the picture of Neaera's invitation is a picture and nothing more. The stress is on the last stanza, not on the last but one.

ODE XV

THE subject is the same as that of 4. 13, the odiousness and ridiculousness of the desires and ways of youth kept on when youth itself has departed. The spirit is rather that of the Epodes ('Archilochio felle,' Mitsch.) than of the Odes; it is, of course, possible that a real person is pointed at. Meineke suggested that the name 'Nothus,' a name unknown to extant Greek literature, was the poetical representative of the common Latin 'Spurius,' see *Introd.* to 2. 4.

Chloris is warned that she is at once old and poor. 'It is time to give up her wanton ways. What suits her daughter Pholoe does not suit her. She is the wife of a poor man. Let her take her wool and spin. That will be more becoming to her than the harp and the wine-cup.'

Metre—*Third Asclepiad.*

3. **famosis laboribus**, 'scandalous occupations.' They are compared with 'lanificium.'

4. **maturo**, which would not be untimely.

6. To spoil the look of their company as a cloud does a starry sky.

9. **expugnat domos**. The editors quote Sen. Nat. Q. 4, praef. 'Crispus Passienus saepe dicebat, adulationi nos opponere, non claudere ostium, et quidem sic quemadmodum opponi amicae solet, quae, si impulit, grata est, gratior, si effregit.'

14. **Luceriam**, an important town in the interior of Apulia. It is called 'nobilem,' as famous for its wool, Plin. H. N. 8. 48. She is to think now only of getting the best wool. The editors compare an anonymous epigram, Brunck, An. 3, p. 116 'Ἡ τὸ πρὶν αὐχήσασα πολυχρύσοις ἐπ' ἐρασταῖς, | ἡ Νέμεσιν δεινὴν οὐχὶ κύσασα θεάν, | μίσθια νῦν σπαθίοις πενιχροῖς πηνίσματα κρούει· | ὁψέ γ' Ἀθηναίῃ Κίπριν ἐληΐσατο.

16. **vetulam**. The larger number of the MSS. are in favour of 'vetula'; the Comm. Cruq. and one half of Porph.'s scholium in favour of 'vetulam,' 'non decet aetatem tuam in convivio multum potare.' Vetulā would be easily altered by omitting the mark of the m, and the distance of 'te' would tempt a copyist to assimilate the adjective to the nearer substantive 'faece.'

ODE XVI

'GOLD is all powerful, and powerful for harm. Mythology and history prove it. And with the growth of wealth care grows and the thirst for greater wealth. I take example by you, Maecenas, and shun eminence. The more we deny ourselves, the more the gods give us. I am prouder and happier in my poor little farm, its clear stream, its wood, and unfailing crops, than the man who owns all Africa. I have no superfluous luxuries, but I never feel the pains of penury. Reduced desires give a larger revenue than the widest *latifundia*. Who seek much want much. Happy the man who has, though little, yet enough.'

The Ode is on Horace's common theme, the praise of contentment and the 'aurea mediocritas' of fortune.

Metre—*Fourth Asclepiad*.

2. *robustae*, probably with Ritter, 'of oak.' Cp. 1. 3. 9 'robur et aes triplex.'

3. *tristes*, δύσκολοι, 'surly.'

munierant; see on 2. 17. 28 'sustulerat nisi . . . levasset.'

6. *pavidum*, from his fear of the oracle which had predicted that a son of his daughter should slay him.

7. *fore*. For such an introduction of the *orat. obl. cp.* Virg. Aen. 1. 443 'Effodere loco signum, quod regia Iuno Monstrarat, caput acris equi; sic nam fore bello Egregiam et facilem victu per saecula gentem.'

8. *pretium*, bribes. Horace ironically rationalizes the legend.

9. *aurum*. Notice the emphatic positions of 'aurum' and 'lucrum,' as of 'muneribus' and 'munera' in the following stanza. *per medios satellites*, i.e. in order to reach and strike at a tyrant.

10. *perrumpere saxa*, 'munitiones expugnare,' Acr.

amat='gaudet,' 'gestit,' an imitation of φιλεῖν, but see on 2. 3. 9.

11. *auguris*. Amphiaraus the seer went to the Theban war, though he foresaw its issue, at the persuasion of his wife Eriphyle, who had been bribed by Polynices with a necklace; ὄλετ' ἐν Θήβησι γυναιῶν εἴνεκα δώρων, Hom. Od. 15. 247; cp. ib. 11. 325, Soph. El. 837 foll.

13. *demersa*, possibly, as the Schol. thinks, an allusion to the legendary form of Amphiaraus' end—the earth opened and swallowed him, Pind. Nem. 9. 25.

14. *vir Macedo*, a proverbial instance from history. Cp. Cic. ad Att. 1. 16 'Philippus omnia castella expugnari posse dicebat in quae modo asellus onustus auro posset ascendere.' Plut. Vit. Aem. Paull. 12 ἐρρέθη γοῦν ὅτι τὰς πόλεις αἰρεῖ τῶν Ἑλλήνων οὐ Φίλιππος ἀλλὰ τὸ Φιλίππου χρυσίον. He is said (in the collection of proverbs of

Diogenianus) to have received an oracle from the Pythia, ἀργυρέαις λόγχοισι μάχου καὶ πάντα κρατήσεις. So Juvenal, 12. 47, calls him 'callidus emptor Olynthi,' and Val. Max. 7. 2. 10 'Mercator Graeciae.' In 'diffidit' and 'subruit' ('undermined') we have a continuance of the metaphors of the last stanza.

aemulos reges, such as his rivals for the throne, Pausanias and Argaeus; the Thracian Cersobleptes, &c.

15. navium duces. Horace is generally supposed to be taking an instance from contemporary history, and to aim at Menas or Menodorus, the freedman of Sextus Pompeius and chief captain of his fleet, who twice deserted him to serve under Octavianus, and once deserted Octavianus to return to him. See Introd. to Epod. 4, which has been taken by some to refer to him.

16. saevos illaqueant, an intended antithesis. 'Illaqueare' is found nowhere else till Prudentius (A.D. 350-400), who uses it in its natural sense of snaring birds.

17. crescentem, imitated by Juv. 14. 139 'Crescit amor nummi quantum ipsa pecunia crescit.' "Cura," ne perdantur; "fames," ut augeantur opes,' Dill'.

18. maiorum, neut. gender μειζόνων.

19. conspicuum, prolept.= 'ita ut conspicuum fiat.'

20. equitum decus, 'the lesson which you preach to us, Maecenas, by being content to be the pride of the equestrian order instead of accepting any office which would qualify you to become a senator,' see on I. 20. 5.

23. nudus. To join the army of the 'nil cupientes' he must be, like them, 'nudus'; he must strip himself of the gifts of fortune which he no longer wants, and be content with the cloak of which he speaks in 3. 29. 54. The metaphor of the camp hardly begins till 'castra.' Orelli points out that the second clause, 'transfuga . . . gestio,' is an amplification of the first, and one which brings out more clearly, though it does not create, the inexactness of the original metaphor. To satisfy it completely, Horace must have been a rich man who gave up his wealth. All he really means is, that he would choose a modest competence in preference to great wealth.

25. contemptae, 'which wealthier men despise.' 'Satis beatus unicus Sabinis.' Bentley takes it as 'contemptae a se ipso,' and so as 'non possessae,' making it an oxymoron answering to 'inter opes inops': the poor man possessing all things though he has nothing, the rich man a pauper in the midst of his riches.

26, 27. For the mode of expressing the height of wealth see on I. 1. 9 'si proprio condidit horreo Quidquid de Libycis verritur areis.'

26. quidquid arat, the fruits of his ploughing. Strabo (6, p. 284) speaks of the plains of North Apulia as *πάμφοροί τε καὶ πολυφόροι*, but we hear of them chiefly as used for pasture. For the lengthening of the last syllable of 'arat' see on I. 3. 36.

impiger, Epod. 2. 42.

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28. Cp. the similar oxymoron in Sat. 2. 3. 142 'Pauper argenti positi intus et auri.'

29. Cp. the description of his farm, Sat. 2. 6. 1 'modus agri non ita magnus, Hortus ubi et tecto vicinus iugis aquae fons Et paulum silvae super his.' So also Epp. 1. 16. 1-14.

30. *segetis certa fides*. The opposite is 'fundus mendax,' 3. 1. 30. Cp. Virg. G. 1. 225 'illos Exspectata seges vanis elusit aristis (avenis).'

31. Constr. 'fallit beator sorte (λανθάνει ὀλβιωτέρα οὔσα) fulgentem fertilis Africae imperio,' 'is a lot happier than his, though he cannot see it, who glitters in the lordship of fertile Africa.' This seems to be a hyperbolical way of describing a man who owns wide cornlands in Africa, as another is said in v. 41 to 'join in one sweep the kingdom of Alyattes to the broad plains of Phrygia.' Cp. 2. 2. 10-12 'si Libyam remotis Gadibus iungas et uterque Poenus Serviat uni,' and read with this the note there. Ritter takes 'fertilis Africae' with 'sorte,' comparing 'Sors Asiae' = 'the proconsulship of Asia,' Tac. Ann. 3. 58 and 71, 'is a happiness beyond the proconsulship of rich Africa, though he cannot see it who is in the dazzling light of power' ('fulgentem verum latere facilius potest quod dignitatis splendor oculos praestrinxit'). But in this rendering, if stress is to be laid on the glory of power, we lose the force of the epithet 'fertilis' and of the direct comparison with the poet's few acres and certain crops. If we emphasize 'fertilis' as implying that the proconsul of Africa has the opportunity of enriching himself, 'fulgentem imperio' loses much of its meaning. The metaphors grow to a great extent out of the context. 'Fulgentem imperio' is an echo of 'dominus splendidior': 'regnum Alyattei' &c., as an exemplification of 'vectigalia porrigam,' is suggested by the proverbial wealth of Croesus.

33 foll. Cp. the enumeration of the forms of Roman wealth in 1. 31. 3-12.

33. *Calabrae apes*, 2. 6. 14.

34. *Laestrygonia*, from *Formiae*. Cp. 1. 20. 11, and see *Introd.* to the next Ode. For the local epithet given to the 'amphora' instead of the wine cp. 1. 9. 7 'Sabina diota.'

35. *languescit*, 'mellows'; 3. 21. 8 'languidiora vina.'

pinguia = 'spissa.' Pliny distinguishes the white wool of Cisalpine Gaul, 'Circumpadanis nulla praefertur,' H. N. 8. 48.

39. 'I shall better extend my little revenues by narrowing my desires.' Note the verbal contrast between 'contracto' 'porrigam.' This interpretation is amply proved by Horace's use of 'vectigalia' in Sat. 2. 2. 100, and the current Stoic aphorism (Cic. de Rep. 4. 7, Parad. 6. 3) 'magnum vectigal parsimonia.' For 'porrigere' = 'to extend,' cp. Sen. Epp. 89 'Quousque arationes vestras porrigetis?'

41. *Alyattei*, the father of Croesus. The wealth of the kings of Lydia was proverbial, 2. 12. 22. 'Alyattei' is the genitive of 'Alyatteus,' as 'Achillei,' 'Ulixei,' Epod. 17. 14 and 16. It is a certain correction of Bentley's, the MSS., oldest and latest alike,

being hopelessly puzzled by the unusual name: 'Halyatti,' 'haly-athii,' 'halialyti,' 'aliat thii,' &c.

42. *continuem*; Liv. 1. 44 'continuare moenibus aedificia'; ib. 34. 4 'ingens cupido agros continuandi,' of 'laying field to field.'

43. *bene est*, sc. 'ei.' Epp. 1. 1. 89 'iurat bene solis esse maritis.'

ODE XVII

COMPARE Introduction to 1. 26. The purpose of this Ode can only be guessed. The introductory passage seems as if it was playful. It traces Aelius Lamia's pedigree to Lamus, the Homeric king of the Laestrygones (Od. 10. 81 'Εβδομάτη δ' ἰκόμεσθα Λάμην αἰπὺ πτολίεθρον | Τηλέπυλον Λαιστρυγονίην. Cp. Cic. ad Att. 2. 13 'si vero in hanc Τηλέπυλον veneris Λαιστρυγονίην, Formias dico, qui fremitus hominum!'), whose locality was fixed by the Romans in the neighbourhood of Formiae. Possibly, although he throws it on the public voice ('ferunt,' v. 2), Horace may be inventing a mythical ancestry for Lamia, as Virgil does for the Iulii, Sergii, Cluentii, &c., as Cicero does playfully for himself (Tusc. 1. 16. 38 'regnante meo gentili,' sc. Serv. Tullio), and as was done on a large scale in Varro's lost work, *De Familiis Troianis*. The Lamiae, though not famous in the ages of the Republic, were a prominent family under the Empire. Juv. Sat. 4. 154 'Hoc nocuit Lamiarum caede madenti,' in allusion to L. Aelius Lamia Aemilianus, put to death by Domitian. Cp. ib. 6. 385.

Horace writes the day before a holiday, possibly to Lamia at some country house which belonged to him near Formiae. This would give an additional point to the mention of the sea-shore and to the genealogical introduction, as if the poet had meant to say, 'You are a great man at Formiae at least, in the home of your heroic ancestor.' He professes to foresee a rainy day, and bids Lamia use the dry weather to house his wood and prepare for to-morrow's festival. The connexion of thought we may compare with 1. 9. That Ode will show, however, that it is not necessary, from the mention of the sea, to suppose that Lamia was at Formiae. In both probably the stormy weather, if not actually allegorical, is used to enforce a moral beyond that which appears on the surface. The one other certain reference to Lamia in Horace's poems (Od. 1. 26), and another probable one (Ep. 1. 14. 6), suggest to us that he was a man before whom his friend would desire to set the sunny side of life.

Vv. 2-5 have been condemned by many critics, with no support from external evidence; but the Introduction as their omission would leave it would not be more free from difficulties than the unmutated one.

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2. 'Since the world has it that it was from him that the Lamiae of old days took their name, as well as the whole race of their children's children whose memory lives in Fasti, he doubtless is the founder to whom thou tracest thine origin.' In other words, 'Since all the Lamiae, ancient and modern, are descended from him, doubtless you are.' The omission of 'tu' before 'ducis,' although the person is emphatic, is paralleled in Od. 2. 17. 30. Cp. 1. 1. 35, 4. 2. 33. 'Ducit,' constr. as the verb after 'genus omne,' is an emendation of D. Heinsius (1580-1655) strongly advocated by Bentley. It has no MS. authority, but has been received by several editors (Keller and Munro amongst them), and would make the parenthesis run more smoothly.

hinc, 'from him.' Sat. 14. 6. Cp. Virg. Aen. 1. 21 'Hinc populum . . . venturum.' Cp. the use of 'unde,' Od. 1. 12. 17.

4. *memores fastos*; 4. 14. 4.

5. *auctore*, of the founder of a family; 1. 2. 36, Virg. Aen. 4. 365.

7. *innantem Maricae litoribus*, refers to the marshes near Minturnae, at the mouth of the Liris (Garigliano), known in history as the place where Marius was for a time concealed. Marica was a nymph worshipped at Minturnae, identified by some with Circe.

9. *late tyrannus*, *εὐρυκρείων*. Virg. Aen. 1. 21 'populum late regem.'

10. *inutili*, not an epithet quite without bearing on the context. It helps to make us feel the dreariness and odiousness of the storm out of doors, which is to contrast with the cheer which there may be within. Its work is purely destructive; it brings down the leaves which are of use, and strews the shore with seaweed which is of no use.

12. *aquae augur*; 3. 27. 10 'imbrium divina avis imminetum.'

13. *annosa*; 4. 13. 24.

15. *curabis*. The future seems to have the force of 'of course you will.' 'Curabis Genium' is an extension of the common 'curare se ipsum,' 'curare corpus.' When the Genius was viewed more distinctly as something external to and separate from the person whose spiritual double it was, it was said rather 'placari,' 'piari floribus et vino.' Cp. A. P. 210, Epp. 2. 1. 144.

16. *operum*. For genitive cp. 2. 9. 17, 3. 27. 69, Madv. § 261, obs. 4.

ODE XVIII

A HYMN to Faunus: cp. 1. 17. 1-8. Horace prays that the visits of the god to his lands may be kindly, and promises that the due kid and wine and incense shall be offered at the Faunalia on the nones of December, the holiday of cattle and of villagers, the day of peace, when even the wolf strays harmlessly among the

lambs; when the trees shed their leaves to strew Faunus' path, and the ditcher revenges himself on the ground which has worked him so hard, by dancing on it.

1. **Nympharum amator.** Faunus is identified with the Greek Pan; see on I. 17. Perhaps the words imply that it is in pursuit of his flying loves that Faunus is supposed to cross the different homesteads.

4. **alumnis**, probably 'younglings' of cattle; 3. 23. 7. The Scholiast took it as = 'vernulis,' young slaves bred on the farm, whom Faunus was supposed to frighten; Ritter, of the young trees and plants which in his hot pursuit he might trample. Our interpretation is supported both in this place and in 3. 23. 7, by the words which follow. Faunus must be kindly to the flock, because it pays tithe duly to him.

5. **pleno anno**, when the year is nearly full, in December; or, perhaps, only like 'per exactos annos,' 3. 22. 6 = 'quotannis,' at intervals of a full year.

6. **Veneris sodali craterae**, 'the bowl, Venus' mate.' Orelli quotes an address to a flagon, *Βάκχον καὶ Μουσέων ἰλαρὴ λάτρι καὶ Κυθρεΐης*. Ritter makes 'craterae' the genitive with 'vina,' 'wine in the bowl,' some particular bowl known to be set for Faunus, and takes 'Veneris sodali' of the god himself.

7. **vetus** implies that these rites have been duly performed during many generations. Macleane puts a full stop at 'craterae,' and makes the general description of the Faunalia begin here.

12. **pagus**. There is a curious variant in some of the good MSS., 'pardus,' the origin of which Bentley ingeniously traces to some monkish copyist, who had in mind the prophecy of Isaiah, 11. 6 'Habitabit lupus cum agno et pardus cum haedo accubabit.'

14. **spargit frondis**. That the leaves were still falling in December, see Epod. 11. 5 'December . . . silvis honorem decutit.' **agrestis**, 'a woodland carpet' of leaves.

15. **invisam**, 'invisam terram fossoribus merito dixit quod in ea laborant cum fodiunt,' Porph. See on Epp. I. 14. 26.

pepulissee. For the perf. inf. with 'gaudet' see on 3. 4. 51; he finishes off each triple beat with a flourish, as though he were dancing on an enemy.

fossor; Virg. G. 2. 264 'labefacta movens robustus iugera fossor.'

16. **ter**, of triple time. Cp. 4. I. 28 'In morem Salium ter quatient humum.' Perhaps Horace is offering an etymology of 'tripudiare.'

ODE XIX

'ENOUGH of your antiquarian lore; attend to the more practical question where and when we are to sup this cold night.' Then, with a sudden change, he fancies place and time settled and the

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banquet already prepared (cp. 2. 7. 21 foll., 2. 11. 18 foll., but it is more abrupt than these Odes): 'We have to drink the new month, and our friend Murena, the newly-elected Augur. Strike up with pipe and harp; no grudging, scatter the roses. Let morose old Lycus hear our riot, and his ill-matched young wife next door. We are better matched here, Telephus and Rhode, I and Glycera.'

The Ode explains itself less clearly than most. The point lies clearly in the toast to the 'Augur Murena,' but there must be links that are lost to us. It may be questioned who is the supposed interlocutor in the first eight lines. It has been usually taken to be the Telephus of v. 26: but this is by no means clear. Ritter imagined the name to be chosen by a fancied etymology (τῆλε φά-s) to suggest Heliodorus the 'rhetor,' 'Graecorum longe doctissimus' of Sat. 1. 5. 3, with whose profession such antiquarian questions would suit. But, on the other hand, it may be pointed out that Telephus is the name which Horace seems to appropriate here as in 1. 13 and 4. 11 to an ideal character, a lover who has youth and beauty.

For Murena see on 2. 2. 5 and 2. 10 Introd.

Metre—*Third Asclepiad*.

1. **quantum distet**, the chronological distance between the first king of Argos and the last king of Athens.

3. **genus**, the pedigree of the Aeacids.

4. **pugnata**; Epp. 1. 16. 25. So 'militabitur bellum,' Epod. 1. 23, Madv. § 223, obs. 4.

sacro, after Homer's ἱλῖος ἱρή, Il. 4. 41, &c.

5. **Chium cadum**; see on 3. 16. 34.

6. **mercemur**. Horace contemplates a feast to which each was to contribute. They are to buy the wine, and yet the question is at whose house it is to be drunk.

aquam temperet, usually taken of the bath which would precede the banquet. The Scholiast took it of warming the water to be mixed with the wine. See Dict. Ant. s. v. 'calida.'

7. **quota**, 'at what hour may I hope to warm myself with supper, and so be quit of the cold which is worthy of the Peligni,' a people in the heart of the Apennines, north of Samnium. Ovid, who was a native of Sulmo, one of their towns, gives it the epithet 'gelidus,' Fast. 4. 81.

9. **lunae novae**; Od. 3. 23. 2 'nascente luna,' where see note. The 'new moon' means apparently the first of the month, on which a feast was usual, as in Greek νομηνία was transferred by usage so completely from the first of the natural lunar month to the first of the calendar month, that the real new moon was expressed by νομηνία κατὰ τὴν σελήνην, Thuc. 2. 28. For the genitive see on 3. 8. 13.

10. **noctis mediae**; 3. 28. 16.

11-16. There is a question as old as the Schol. whether these

lines refer to the proportion of water with which the wine is to be mixed in the mixing bowl, or to the number of 'cyathi' of wine (mixed or unmixed as may be) to be served to the guests for each toast. A majority of editors follow Acr. and Porph. in taking the *former view*. The proportion of three parts water to one part wine, which according to the common interpretation is the meaning of the second clause, 'tres prohibet supra tangere,' though it seems to us excessive, is yet one which is familiar in Greek literature. It is the countryman's proportion in Hesiod, "Ε. καὶ 'Η. 596 τρίς ὕδατος προχέειν τὸ δὲ τέττατον ἰέμεν οἶνον. In the discussion of the subject of the mixture of water and wine in Athenaeus (10. 27-29), even a larger proportion of water is suggested, πολὺ βέλτιον ἓνα καὶ τέτταρας, though with the comment, ὕδαρὴ λέγεις. Horace would be meaning to say, 'you may go to either extreme, have a mixture strong enough for a toper or weak and safe enough for a water-drinker.' It should be said that Acr. and Porph. avoid this difficulty, though perhaps they introduce others, by taking the second clause to give, not an alternative to the first, but a reason for the limitation, 'I say nine-twelfths, for the three parts further (i. e. to make it 'merum'; cp. 'nihil supra,' 'nothing further,' in Ode 2. 18. 11) the Graces forbid.' Bentley lends his authority to the *second view*, which is that of the Comm. Cruq. In favour of it is the strong argument that it harmonizes these expressions with the other passage in which Horace speaks of such toasts 3. 8. 13 'sume . . . cyathos amici sospitis centum,' where there is no question of mixture. It suits also the natural interpretation of the reference to this Ode which Bentley quotes from Ausonius, the introduction to Idyll. 11, 'Flacci ecloga in qua propter mediam noctem et novam lunam et Murenæ auguratum ternos ter cyathos attonitus petit vates.' The counting of the 'cyathi' with which toasts were drunk is frequently referred to, as in Mart. 1. 72 'Nævia sex cyathis, septem Iustina bibatur,' &c. 'Miscentur' on this view (and this is the chief argument used against it) has to be taken, by a slight extension, in the simple sense of ἐγχεῖν, ἐπιχεῖν, of pouring into the cup, without definite reference to mixture of wine and water.

11. **tribus aut novem.** Cp. Ausonius, Idyll. 11. 1 'Ter bibe vel toties ternos: sic mystica lex est.'

12. **miscentur.** There is no need to alter with Rutgers and Bentr. to 'miscentor.' The 'arbiter bibendi' announces to the guests as well as gives orders to the servants.

cyathis. As a measure of capacity the 'cyathus' was the twelfth of the 'sextarius,' that being nearly a pint.

commodis is taken by Bentley as = 'plenis,' Orelli illustrates it by Plautus' 'commodas minas,' i. e. 'of full weight'; but perhaps the Schol. are right who explain it by 'aptis,' i. e. suited to the taste of the different drinkers. Cp. Sat. 2. 6. 67 foll. 'prout cuique libido est Siccat inaequalis calices conviva,' &c.

13. **imparis.** Stress is laid on their uneven number, perhaps

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with reference to the Greek proverb ἡ πέντε πίνειν ἢ τριῖ ἢ μὴ τέτταρα, an uneven number being held in itself more suited to any sacred purpose ('numero deus impare gaudet'), and three and its multiples especially. The epithet therefore would in thought be extended to the Graces. It explains the choice given between three and nine.

14. *attonitus*, of the pangs of inspiration. Cp. Virg. Aen. 7. 580 'attonitae Baccho matres.'

16. *rixarum metuens*; 3. 24. 22 'metuens alterius viri'; Madv. § 289 a.

Gratia iuncta sororibus = 'tres Gratiae iunctae'; so 4. 7. 5.

18. Cp. 2. 7. 28, 4. 12. 28.

Berecynthiae; 1. 18. 13, 4. 1. 22, Epod. 9. 5. 6.

24. *vicina*, 'our neighbour.' Others take it as 'his neighbour, who will not listen to his passion'; and Orelli quotes Bosscha as suggesting that the person meant is the Rhode of the next lines, 'She doesn't care for Lycus, but she will soon be here to look for Telephus.'

24-26. Dill^r. remarks how the repetition of 'Lycus' and of 'te' serves the purpose of emphasizing them, the one by way of scorn, the other of compliment.

26. *puro*, as 'sole puro,' 3. 29. 45, shining in a clear sky. Cp. 3. 9. 21 'sidere pulchrior.'

27. *tempestiva*, suited in point of age.

28. *lentus*; 1. 13. 8.

ODE XX

'BEWARE, Pyrrhus; you are robbing a lioness of her cubs. She will come to reclaim Nearchus, and you must expect a battle royal; and all the time Nearchus doesn't care for you or for her.'

2. *Gaetulae*; see on 1. 23. 10.

3. *post paulo* = 'paulo post' even in prose. Dill^r. points out the antithetical arrangement of the words 'dura . . . inaudax,' 'inaudax raptor': the last has the force of an oxymoron. 'Inaudax' seems an invention of Horace from the Gr. ἄτολμος.

6. *insignem*, easily found among them all.

7. *grande certamen*. We need not understand 'est' or 'erit'; it is rather a cognate accusative characterizing the action of the last sentence by giving its result, a construction common enough in Greek. Dill^r. collects some other instances of it in Latin: Sat. 1. 4. 110, Epp. 1. 18. 49, Virg. Aen. 6. 223 (where see Conington's note), 8. 683.

7, 8. *tibi . . . illi*. The supposed difficulty of this clause as it stands has caused such different editors as Orelli, Keller, and Kiessling to accept Peerlkamp's emendation of 'illa' for 'illi,' 'whether the prey fall to you or she [prove] the stronger.' But is the difficulty real? We may well say that the whole clause is

metaphorical, 'whether you or she gain the greater booty' ('*praeda maior*' = 'plus *praedae*') the fact being out of view that in the interpretation the 'booty' is a single person and therefore there is no 'more' or less. But in any case the substitution of '*maior*' for '*magis*,' adj. for adv., is a common confusion in language; see *Madv.* § 300, and cp. *Epod.* 5. 29 '*nulla conscientia*,' *Sat.* 1. 7. 28 '*multo fluenti*,' and such expressions as *Virg. Aen.* 1. 181 '*Anthea si quem . . . videat*' = 'if he could see anything of Antheus.'

11. *posuisse*, with a present force, 'to have placed,' and so 'to be keeping' there. See Conington's notes on *Virg. G.* 1. 25, *Aen.* 2. 257.

12. *palmam*, the palm of victory for which they are contending. The attitude at once displays his foot and expresses his lordly indifference to the issue of the quarrel. '*Palmam*' has also been taken (see Orelli) of the palm of the hand; of one leg thrown over the other and held in the hand,—a mere picture.

13. *fertur*, perhaps = 'they tell me,' a common way of indicating the strangeness of what we report, as though we did not venture to vouch for it. See on 3. 5. 41.

recreare, possibly with a fan, '*flabellum*,' *Prop.* 3. 15. 11; possibly, as Orelli thinks, only by letting the wind play on his shoulders.

15. *Nireus*; see *Epod.* 15. 22, '*Formaque vincas Nirea*.' In both cases the MSS. read almost unanimously '*Nereus*,' '*Nerea*.' Here R is the only one which has '*Nireus*.' The Scholiasts had the true reading, for they quote or refer to Homer's description, *Il.* 2. 673 *Νιρέυς, ὃς κάλλιστος ἀνὴρ ὑπὸ Ἴλιον ἦλθε | τῶν ἄλλων Δαναῶν μετ' ἀμύμονα Πηλεΐωνα*.

aquosa, 'many-fountained' *Ida*, *πολυπίδαξ, πιδήεσσα*.

16. *raptus*, sc. *Ganymede*: the participle used substantively = *ὁ ἄρπασθείς*. This is more common in the plural as 4. 15. 24 '*Tanain prope flumen orti*.'

ODE XXI

WRITTEN in anticipation of entertaining M. Valerius Messalla Corvinus. Dill^r. bids us compare with this Ode *Epp.* 1. 5.

'Jar of Massic, as old as myself, your potent contents were kept for some happy occasion, and they shall be broached to-day for Corvinus. He, philosopher as he is, will not despise you. Old Cato, they tell us, did not object to a cup of wine. You make genius flow; you give fresh hope to the anxious and courage to the poor. With your help, and Liber and Venus and the Graces, we will keep the banquet up till daylight.'

Corvinus (the '*Messalla*' of *Sat.* 1. 6. 42, 1. 10. 85, *A. P.* 371 '*diserti Messallae*') was, like Pollio, at once distinguished in the

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political and the literary world. He had belonged to the senatorian party, and turned Octavianus' flank in the first day's fighting at Philippi. He subsequently joined Octavianus against Antony, and commanded the centre of his fleet at Actium. After the settlement he retired from active life, and devoted himself to oratory and literature. He was the great friend and patron of Tibullus.

With the fourth and fifth stanzas should be compared Ovid's imitation, A. A. I. 237 foll. :—

‘Vina parant animos faciuntque caloribus aptos;
Cura fugit, multo diluiturque mero.
Tunc veniunt risus, tunc pauper cornua sumit;
Tunc dolor et curae rugaque frontis abit:
Tunc aperit mentis aevo rarissima nostro
Simplicitas, artis excutiente deo’;

and the fragment of Maecenas' ‘Symposium,’ preserved by Servius on the words ‘facilis oculos’ in Virg. Aen. 8. 310: ‘Hoc . . . etiam Maecenas in Symposio cui Virgilius et Horatius interfuerunt, cum ex persona Messallae de vino loqueretur, ait: *idem humor ministrat facilis oculos, pulchriora reddit omnia, et dulcis iuventae reducit bona.*’

1. Epod. 13. 6 ‘Tu vina Torquato move consule pressa meo.’ The date implies that Corvinus is promised not merely old wine (it was of the vintage of B.C. 65, when L. Manlius Torquatus and L. Aurelius Cotta were consuls, and therefore must have been at least 35 years old), but also wine which carried with it personal reminiscences of the poet's own life, and which therefore it is a proof of friendship to offer. Cp. the dating of the Sabine wine which is offered to Maecenas in I. 20.

2-5. The point of imagining these possible effects of the wine on different tempers, seems to lie in the expression of its potency, ‘it must have some great effect, whatever that be’; and the stress is really laid rather on the last of each pair of alternatives ‘seu . . . sive,’ ‘seu . . . seu.’ This is shown by the insertion of ‘pia testa’ in a place where it is intended to exert its influence on the whole stanza, and by the repetition, after that ‘quocumque nomine’ has again reopened the question of the tendency of the wine, of the commendation ‘moveri digna bona die.’

2. *querelas*; Epod. 11. 12 ‘Querebar . . . Simul calentis inverecundus deus Fervidiore mero arcana promorat loco.’ The two pairs seem to be (1) of talk, the outpouring of passionate complaints or of mirth; (2) of feelings, bitterness or passion on the one side, peaceful slumber on the other.

4. *pia testa*, ‘gentle wine-jar.’ The epithet apologizes for the calumnious suppositions; contrast ‘impius clamor,’ I. 27. 6, and the tone of I. 18.

5. *quocumque nomine*, ‘to whatever end’ (it sums up and repeats the preceding suppositions) ‘the Massic grapes were

gathered whose juice thou guardest.' 'Nomen' meant the heading under which an item was entered in an account, and so seems to have been used for a 'ground,' 'destination,' 'tendency.' Tac. Ann. 14. 59 'Decretae eo nomine supplicationes,' 'on that account'; Cic. de Am. 25. 91 'multis nominibus est hoc vitium notandum,' 'on many accounts,' 'under many heads.' Bentley complained that these and similar instances hardly reach (as indeed they do not) the use in this passage, and conjectured 'numine,' which has since been found in several good MSS., including B.

Massicum; I. 1. 19.

6. **moveri**, as in Epod. 13. 6 'vina . . . move,' to disturb it, open the bin.

7. **descende**, from the 'apotheca,' where it was exposed to the smoke. See on 3. 8. 10; similarly 'deripere horreo,' 3. 28. 7.

8. **promere**, constr. after 'iubente.'

languidiora, in a good sense, 'mellower'; 3. 16. 35.

9. **madet** = 'imbutus est'; but as Munro (on Lucr. 4. 792) observes, there is a play on the literal and metaphorical meaning. The sponge is so full of philosophy, that there might be supposed to be no room for the wine.

10. **sermonibus**, not merely the Dialogues of Plato and others in which Socrates is an interlocutor, but talk on the same model.

horridus, 'he will not be so much of a cynic as to despise thee.'

11. **Catonis**, the censor. 'Priscus' is used of him almost as an addition to his name; see Plut. Cat. Mai. 1. Cp. Epp. 2. 2. 116 'priscis memorata Catonibus.' It has also been taken less well of 'Cato Uticensis,' 'prisci' being interpreted 'old fashioned,' 'stern.' Cic. pro Cael. 14. 33 'severe et graviter et prisce agere.'

12. **virtus Catonis**, as Sat. 2. 1. 72 'Virtus Scipiadae et mitis sapientia Laeli,' 'Cato for all his virtue'; see on 1. 3. 36.

13. **lene tormentum**. The meaning seems to be settled by the parallel Epp. 1. 5. 19 'Fecundi calices quem non fecere disertum?' As the rack makes the unwilling witness speak freely, so wine makes the wit which is usually stiff and taciturn become free and talkative, and yet love the torture which is thus applied to it.

16. **retegis Lyaeo**. The name of 'Lyaeus' is used (as in Epod. 9. 38 'curam metumque . . . Dulci Lyaeo solvere') with reference to its etymology, *λύειν*, so that the whole sentence is='arcana consilia retegendo curas solvis.' Cp. Epp. 1. 5. 16 'operta recludit.' 'The cares of grave people that seemed heavy burdens when brooded over alone, seem subjects for mirth when confessed over wine.'

18. **cornua**, imit. by Ovid; see above. They are the symbol of strength and of pugnacity, Ov. Am. 3. 11. 5 'venerunt capiti cornua sera meo'; perhaps also with allusion to the fact that Bacchus himself was represented with horns, *ταυρόκερως*; see on Od. 2. 19. 29.

19. **post te**; I. 18. 5 'post vina.'

iratos apices= 'iratorum'; see on 1. 15. 19. But there is an

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equal hypallage in making 'apices' the object of 'trementi.' The 'apex' (see on I. 34. 14) represents the state and power of an eastern king.

21. **laeta**, *ἐκούσα*=*πρόθυμος*, and so, 'with goodwill.'

22. **nodum**, sc. of clasped hands, or of the concord which they express; cp. 'Gratia iuncta sororibus,' 3. 19. 16. Seneca, interpreting the characteristics with which they appear in paintings, describes the Graces, *Benef. I. 3* 'manibus implexis.'

23. **vivæ**=*'vigiles,' 3. 8. 14.*

producent, 'te' an extension of the ordinary 'producere cenam,' 'comissionem.'

24. **dum . . . fugat**, 'whilst he is putting to rout,' as though he were all night striving to do so, and only victorious in the morning. Cp. the tense in *Virg. E. 9. 23* 'Tityre dum redeo, brevis est via, pasce capellas.'

ODE XXII

AN inscription (or a poetical dedication which would have served for an inscription) for a pine-tree which overhangs the Sabine farm, and which the poet dedicates to Diana, to be honoured by him henceforth with the yearly sacrifice of a young boar.

1. **montium custos**; I. 21. 5 foll. With the enumeration of Diana's attributes cp. *Catull. 34. 9* foll. 'Montium domina . . . Silvarumque virentium . . . Tu Lucina dolentibus Iuno dicta puerperis.'

3. **ter**. The number three has constantly mystic and ritual associations; see, *inter al.*, *Od. I. 28. 36*, *Epp. I. 1. 37*. Here it can hardly be entirely unconnected with the triple character of the goddess, 'triformis'; *Virg. Aen. 4. 511* 'Tergeminamque Hecaten, tria virginis ora Dianae.'

6. **per exactos annos**, as each year (since the last celebration) is completed.

7. **meditantis**; see on 3. 13. 4. The participle seems to imply that his tusks are just growing to the fit size,—he is thinking of using them, but has not yet done so,—and so points his age.

8. **donem**, subjunctive of purpose; 'quam donem' gives the full meaning of 'tua esto.'

ODE XXIII

'PRAY duly at the new moons, O country housewife, and offer to the Lares frankincense and corn and a porker, and your wines and your crops and your flocks shall be kept safe. Costly sacrifices are for the "pontifices." Put your garlands of rosemary and myrtle on

the little images of your gods, and there is no need for more. Without any gifts but the salted cake you may win their favour, as much as by a sumptuous victim.'

'The gods accept the humble offerings of humble people. Moderation, simplicity, thrift, content with our own station, have place in religious observance as well as in other phases of life.' This is all the doctrine of the Ode. The name Phidyle (Gr. fem. of Φειδύλος, see Lidd. and Scott, s. v. *φειδός*), is clearly chosen to characterize a 'thrifty' Sabine housewife.

1. *caelo* = 'ad caelum'; 'it caelo clamor,' Virg. Aen. 5. 451.

supinas, ὑπτιάζουσιν χερῶν, Aesch. P. V. 1005. Virg. Aen. 3. 176 'tendoque supinas Ad caelum cum voce manus.' The hands were held open with the palms upwards. 'Supinas ferre manus' might be = χεῖρας ἀνασχεῖν, and be a common way of saying 'to pray': possibly, in combination with the other particulars, 'nascente Luna,' 'ture,' 'horna fruge,' &c. it helps the idea of punctual ritual performance.

2. *nascente Luna*, on the first of the month; see on 3. 19. 9, Cato de R. R. 143 'Kalendis . . . coronam in focum indat; per eosdemque dies Lari familiari pro copia supplicet.' Cp. Tibull. 1. 3. 34 'Reddereque antiquo menstrua tura Lari,' and read the same poet, 1. 10. 15–28, where many expressions of this Ode find a parallel.

3. *horna fruge*, the firstfruits of the year's corn; 'spicea sarta,' Tibull. 1. c.

4. *porca*, 'Hostia erit plena rustica porcus hara,' ib., 'immolet aequis Hic porcum Laribus,' Hor. Sat. 2. 3. 165. Why 'avida'? Ovid, speaking of sacrificing a pig to Ceres (Fast. 1. 349), makes its greediness the ground of its fate: 'Nam sata vere novo teneris lactentia sucis Eruta setigeræ comperit ore suis.' But the pig does not offend the Lares in this way. The epithet is intended probably to help the feeling of the familiarity of the object, and so the simplicity of the offering.

7. *alumni*; see on 3. 18. 4.

8. *grave tempus*, 'the sickly time when the year bears its fruits.' For the ablative see 2. 7. 16 'fretis aestuosis.' With 'pomifero anno' cp. 'annus hibernus,' Epod. 2. 29; for the sickliness of autumn cp. Od. 2. 14. 15, Sat. 2. 6. 19.

9. *pascitur*, 'is even now feeding.'

Algidus; see on 1. 21. 6, where 'gelido' is possibly the same as 'nivali' here. Cp. 4. 4. 57.

10. *devota*, already destined for sacrifice. Cp. Virg. G. 3. 157, where the destination of the different calves is settled immediately on their birth: 'Aut aris servare sacros aut scindere terram.'

12. *pontificum*, i. e. at public sacrifices; opposed to simpler home rites.

13. *nihil attinet*, οὐδὲν προσήκει, 'there is no claim on you.'

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14. **temptare**, as it were 'to lay siege to' their goodwill. Cp. A. P. 405 'gratia regum Pieriis temptata modis,' and Virgil's 'animam temptare precando,' Aen. 4. 113. 'Deos' is constructed ἀπὸ κοινοῦ (see on I. 3. 6) after 'temptare' and 'coronantem'; 'parvos' is properly an epithet of the images, not of the gods themselves, and therefore belongs to 'Deos' as the object of 'coronantem,' rather than as the object of 'temptare' (see on 2. 5. 13); at the same time it is antithetical to 'multa caede,' so that it cannot be severed from 'temptare,' but serves rather as a link between the two clauses, as though he said 'your very gods are small (i. e. in their representative images): adapt your offerings to them.'

15. **parvos**, as Tibull. l. c. 'exigua ligneus aede deus' Cp. with all this Juv. 12. 87, 88.

marino rore, rosemary.

16. **fragili**, 'easily plucked,' a sprig of myrtle, opposed to more elaborate and expensive garlands; so 'simplex myrtus' (I. 38. 5) opposed to 'nexae philyra coronae.'

17. **immunis**. The Schol. interpreted this as = 'immunis scelerum,' and some editors have followed them. It seems an impossible meaning to put upon the word. No doubt it meant usually 'exempt,' as from some duty or tax; it was used metaphorically with a genitive of the thing from which the exemption was claimed, as Virg. Aen. 12. 559 'immunem belli,' Ov. Her. 14. 8 'immunes caedis.' But the genitive in such cases was essential to the meaning. On the other hand, Horace uses the adj. in two other passages (Od. 4. 12. 22 'non ego te meis Immunem meditor tingere poculis,' and Epp. 1. 14. 33 'immunem Cinaræ placuisse rapaci') in the sense of 'without gifts,' adapting the word, after his fashion, to the Greek ἄδωπος. The whole attempt to force this meaning on 'immunis,' seems to be founded on a misconception of the stanza. The moral purity of the hand which offers the acceptable gift may be assumed by the poet, but it is not expressed. The doctrine is simply that the gods do not look for costly offerings from humble worshippers. If 'immunis' meant 'immunis scelerum,' it would be the most weighty word in the Ode, and Horace would not have left his readers to make up the distinctive part of its meaning by conjecture.

18-20. There is a doubt as to the relation of v. 18 to the stanza. It is usually taken (after Lambinus) as qualifying what follows, 'Though your hand when laid on the altar be giftless, it has softened the displeasure of the Penates with its pious offering of meal and crackling salt, and could please no more' ('non blandior [futura]' Lambin.), *if it bought* a costly victim.' It has been proposed lately (by Mr. Page and others) to amend this by making 'non sumptuosa blandior hostia' a negative expansion of 'immunis,' 'giftless, not winning a hearing by means of a costly victim.' This is tempting by its greater simplicity, but it may be doubted whether it does not weaken the force of the line. If it is coordinate with 'immunis' it is a less emphatic and forcible expression of the idea.

Though less strictly grammatical, it gains in weight, and it makes the rhetorical balance of the sentence better, if it is made part of the predicative clause. Bentley took '*sumptuosa hostia*,' as a nominative, defending the \tilde{a} either as lengthened by the following '*bl*,' or as the parallel of '*si non periret immiserabilis*,' 3. 5. 17, q. v. 'A costly victim does not soothe the displeasure of the Penates more winningly than,' &c.

19. *mollivit*, not an aoristic, but a regular perfect, as is shown by the conditional clause to which it answers: 'if the offering has been made, the gods are satisfied.' Several of the best MSS. have '*mollibit*' [and it is so quoted by Servius], but the perfect is supported by Stat. Silv. 1. 3. 130 '*deis . . . Caespes et exiguo placuerunt farra salino*,' Tibull. 4. 1. 14 '*Parvaeque caelestis placavit mica*' (both quoted by Keller), which seem like imitations; and we may follow Bentley in refusing to admit what would be a solitary instance in Horace of this form of the future in a doubtful reading, and against the silence of the old grammarians, who are quick to notice any such varieties.

20. A periphrasis for the '*mola salsa*,' '*fruges salsae*,' Virg. Aen. 2. 133. The commentators say, but scarcely prove, that the crackling of the salt in the fire was taken for a good omen. If so, the two epithets will really characterize both substantives, and mean, 'duly offered and kindly received.' The expression is imitated Ov. Fast. 4. 409, Tibull. 3. 4. 10.

ODE XXIV

'RICHES and luxurious abodes can stay neither care nor death. The Scythians live more wisely, with no settled homes, no stores of wealth. They have not the vices of civilized life. Their women do not poison their step-children, nor rule their husbands, nor break their marriage vows. Who would be known as the saviour and father of his country? Let him check the licence of the time. He may be hated by his contemporaries, but he will be glorious to all ages. It is no good to complain:—punish the offenders:—no good to make laws, while our lives give the lie to them, while we scour sea and land for the sake of money, and think poverty the one shame. Let us get quit of our wealth: root out the evil if we are really tired of it, and train our sons in a manlier school. Let them hunt instead of playing with the Greek hoop and the dice, while their fathers are cheating to heap up money for them, their unworthy heirs. That is the way wealth grows; and it is an endless business, for it never can keep pace with desire.'

The Ode travels over the same ground as much of Odes 1, 2, 3 and 6 of this Book. We may note also how many of its expressions

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recur in the Odes (especially 5 and 15) of Book iv, which celebrate the reforms as accomplished.

Metre—*Third Asclepiad*.

1. *intactis*, 'unrified.'

2. *Arabum*, 1. 29. 1.

3. *caementis*, 3. 1. 35.

4. *Tyrrhenum Apulicum*. So I have printed, not from any confidence in the text, but rather that, in default of conclusive evidence on the subject, this reading seems to have acquired a certain right of possession from the favour of several generations of editors. 'Apulicum' has the least MS. authority; it does not explain the variants, and there is the difficulty of the quantity of its first syllable, which is never found certainly short, unless in the disputed passage in Od. 3. 4. 10. The chief var. lect. are (1) 'Ponticum,' the reading of B. Keller thinks it a 'Mavortian' alteration. The whole expression then would mean, 'the sea from end to end of the civilized world, from Rome to the Euxine.' (2) 'publicum,' which was the reading of V. It must mean 'the common property of all,' as in Ov. Met. 6. 351 '*usus communis aquarum est. Nec solem proprium Natura nec aera fecit, Nec tenues undas; ad publica munera veni.*' The difficulty in its way is that it seems to carry with it the necessity for the alteration of 'Tyrrhenum.' No local name will correspond to it. Lachmann (on Lucr. 1. 360) conjectured 'terrenum,' which occurs in the sense of 'land' in Liv. 23. 19, and Keller, Kiessling and Munro (the last grudgingly) accept it. The name 'Tyrrhenum' appears as 'Tirrenum' in several good MSS., though this is not more misspelling than is to be looked for with proper names. The Schol. of Acr. and Porph. is favourable to the conj., though it does not require it, '*invehitur in luxuriam omnia profanantem et aedificiis novis non terram tantum sed etiam maria occupantem.*' The full expression would then be, 'Every inch of dry land and the sea the common heritage of all.' Cp. 2. 15. 1-4, 2-18, 20-22 '*parum locuples continente ripa*'; 3. 1. 36 '*dominus terrae fastidiosus.*' There is an ingenious, but not convincing conjecture of Prof. Palmer in *Class. Review*, 5. p. 141. He accepted Lachmann's 'terrenum' and suggested that the last word of the verse was 'sublicis,' which was itself corrupted into 'publicum,' and by a gloss 'pontium' gave rise to 'Ponticum.'

5-8. The image in this place is not clear. We may perhaps compare 2. 18. 29. In both cases Horace is pointing the irony of fate, which allows a man to begin to build what he may not live to finish. In each case 'Orcus' or 'Necessitas' is represented under images borrowed from the employment of the rich man himself. In 2. 18 he is busy planning his palace. Death has his measuring rod too, and is planning a home for him which he shall yet more surely tenant. Here he is laying the foundations of his palace deep in the sea; but who knows that Fate may not snatch his hammer from him and 'drive the last nails into the gable-top'

herself? He will have the toil, but he will not finish the work himself. Death will stop him. We may remember that 'nails for building,' 'clavi trabales,' are already a recognized implement of 'Necessitas,' 1. 35. 18; so that Horace would say, 'You are building. Fate is a builder as well as you, and she may finish your house for you.' The plural 'verticibus' may be explained as generalizing,—'the tops of your palaces,' for he is building in every sea,—or of the different points to which the roof rises. Two other explanations have been given to 'summīs verticibus.' (1) Bentley's—of the nails, 'up to their heads'; (2) that of most of the older commentators—of the heads that tower highest, are 'too conspicuous,' Od. 3. 16. 19; or more definitely still, 'of the top of the head' of the human proprietor into which Doom is pictured as driving her nails. Professor Robinson Ellis suggested to me as parallel for this last view, Theogn. 1012 κεφαλῆς δ' ἄπτεται ἀκροτάτης (spoken of old age), and a fragment (3) of Rhianus in Meineke's Anal. Alexandr. p. 199 'Η δ' Ἀτὴ ἀπαλοῖσι μετατρωχῶσα πόδεσσιν | ἀκρῆς ἐν κεφαλῇσιν ἀνώστως καὶ ἄφαντος | ἄλλοτε μὲν γραίῃσι νεωτέρῃ, ἄλλοτε δ' αὖτε | ὀπλοτέρῃσιν γρῆνυς ἐφίσταται ἀμπλακίσσιν | Ζηνὶ θεῶν κρείοντι Δίκη τ' ἐπὶ ἥρα φέρουσα. The parallel of Od. 1. 35 seems to me decisive in favour of the view first given, which is supported by Orelli and Dill^r.

5. *figit*, 'is setting her hand to drive.' For the lengthening of the ult. see on 1. 3. 36.

adamantinos, of hardest iron, see on 1. 6. 13. It does not help the image of Fate finishing his work for him, but it suggests the further idea of the hopelessness of struggling with Fate. It is parallel to the images of 1. 35. 16-20. See note there.

7, 8. The thought of death and the doom of death are both represented as a halter round the neck, from which there is no release, *if* (we should rather put it in prose—*since there is the possibility that*) an irreversible Fate has already fixed the limit of our plans.

9. *campestres*, 'of the steppes,' 1. 35. 9; 'profugi,' 4. 14. 42.

10. *plaustra*. Aesch. P. V. 709 Σκύθος δ' ἀφίξει νομάδας, οἱ πλεκτὰς στέγας | πεδάρσιοι ναίουσ' ἐπ' εὐκύκλοις ὄχοις.

rite, 'after their custom'; as in Virg. Aen. 9. 352 'religatos rite . . . equos.'

11. *rigidi*, 'hard,' of their mode of life. Epp. 2. 1. 25 'rigidis Sabinis.' The Schol. took it as 'frozen.'

Getae, see on 4. 15. 22.

12. *immetata*, ἀπαξ λεγ. The absence of divisions of property is a characteristic of the golden age in Virg. G. 1. 126 'Ne signare quidem aut partiri limite campos Fas erat.' The conjunction of 'immetata' with 'iugera,' which is a measure of surface, has the effect of an oxymoron.

13. *fruges et Cererem*, ἐν διὰ δυοῖν, probably like 'gemmas et lapides,' v. 48; the double substantive is meant to express universality, 'fruits of the ground of every kind.'

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14-16. This is best illustrated by Caesar's description (B. G. 4. 1) of the Suevi, from whom it is possible that Horace has transferred it to the Scythians. 'Suevi centum pagos habere dicuntur, ex quibus quotannis singula milia armatorum bellandi causa ex finibus educunt. Reliqui qui domi manserint se atque illos alunt. Hi rursus invicem anno post in armis sunt, illi domi remanent. Sic neque agricultura nec ratio atque usus belli intermittitur. Sed privati ac separati agri apud eos nihil est; neque longius anno remanere uno in loco incolendi causa licet.'

14. *nec cultura placet*, &c., seems therefore possibly to include the two ideas that no individual was employed in tillage for more than a year together, and that the same piece of ground was not tilled for more than a year. 'None cares to till the soil for more than a single year, and when one has fulfilled his toil a successor relieves him on the same terms of service.'

16. *aequali sorte*, sc. for a year's turn.

vicarius, as Cicero calls Murena, the consul elect, 'vicarium diligentiae meae,' Mur. 37.

17, 18. 'Holds her hands from harming her motherless stepchildren.' For the use of 'temperat' cp. Cic. Verr. 3. 59 'Te putet quisquam sociis temperasse?' Ritter takes it, after the Schol., as = 'pocula temperat,' 'innocens' implying that she mixes no poison in the cup. There is no authority for the absolute use of 'temperare' in this sense.

19. *dotata*, on the strength of her dower. Plaut. Men. 5. 2. 16 'Ita istaec solent quae viros subservire Sibi postulant dote fretae feroces.' Id. Aulul. 3. 5. 61 'Nam quae indotata est ea in potestate est viri; Dotatae mactant et malo et damno viros.' It is constr. with 'regit,' but not with 'fidit'; cp. 2. 5. 13, 3. 23. 14.

19, 20. *regit, fidit*, the point is the inversion of lawful relations.

21. 'The ample dower they bring is their parents' worth,' the pure blood and healthy traditions of virtuous households. Contrast 3. 6. 17 foll.

22. *metuens alterius viri*; the gen. as 'rixarum metuens,' 3. 19. 16, q. v.

23. *certo foedere*; 1. 3. 18 'irrupta copula.' It is one of Horace's abl. absol. (see on 2. 1. 12), neither exactly the abl. of the ground of the action with 'metuens' nor the abl. of the quality with 'castitas': it adds a circumstance which completes and explains both substantive and participle, 'the marriage bond was inviolable': 'foedus,' of the covenant of marriage; cp. Virg. Aen. 4. 339 'neque haec in foedera veni.'

24. 'They dare not sin, or if they sin they die,' Conington. For the constr. of 'nefas . . . aut' cp. 3. 12. 1, 2.

pretium, ποινή. The word does not necessarily imply either reward or punishment. Juv. Sat. 13. 105 'Ille crucem sceleris pretium tulit, hic diadema.'

25. It appears from Porph. that in his time some copies marked the beginning of a new Ode here, for he condemns such a division. See on Od. 1. 7. 15 and Epod. 2. 23.

26. **civicam**, 'of citizens against citizens.' See on I. 2. 21 'audiet civis acuisse ferrum.'

27. **Pater urbium**. It is impossible to doubt that Horace had in mind the historic title of great patriots, 'Pater Patriae,' which, though it had not yet been conferred on Augustus by the Senate, may yet have been currently given to him by his partisans (see on I. 2. 50); but the form 'Pater urbium' is taken rather from the more special designations given to their benefactors by particular towns. Orelli quotes an inscription to Augustus from Jadera, a colony in Illyria, IMP. CAESAR. DIVI F. AUG. PARENS COLONIAE MURUM ET TURRES DEDIT. Cicero bids his brother (ad Q. Fr. I. 1) deserve the title of 'parens Asiae.' This general benefactor is to be recognized as such from city to city, to have in each his statue with the memorial of his public services.

28. **subscribi**, i. e. to have his name inscribed at the bottom of the statues.

29. **refrenare licentiam**, cp. 4. 15. 9, where Horace proclaims that Augustus has accomplished this task, 'ordinem Rectum evaganti frena licentiae Iniecit.'

30. **quatenus**, 'since,' Sat. I. 1. 64, 2. 3. 76.

31, 32. For the sentiment cp. 2. 1. 10-14, and the verses attributed to Menander: Δεινοὶ γὰρ ἄνδρὶ πάντες ἐσμὲν εὐκλεεῖ | ζῶντι φθονῆσαι καθανόντα δ' αἰνέσαι.

32. **quaerimus**, ποθοῦμεν, 'requirimus,' 'we look for without finding.'

invidi goes with both clauses; it is the clue to the apparent inconsistency.

33. **querimoniae**, lamentations in the senate, in society, in literature, over the evils of the time.

35. **leges sine moribus**, cp. 4. 5. 22, where Augustus is represented as having touched both springs of reformation: 'Mos et lex maculosum edomuit nefas.'

37, 38. **pars, latus**; cp. 3. 3. 55 'Qua parte debacchentur ignes'; 1. 22. 19 'Quod latus mundi nebulae malusque Iuppiter urget.'

37. **inclusa**, 'fenced in,' as if the heats were intended to bar it from human intrusion. 'Terra domibus negata,' *ibid.* Virg. Aen. 7. 227 'si quem . . . dirimit plaga solis iniqui.'

39. **solo**, ablative of place.

40 foll. The whole passage is an echo of parts of Od. I. 3. Cp. v. 43 with 'audax omnia perpeti,' &c. The 'mercator' is always Horace's type of the eager pursuit of wealth, see Od. I. 31. 10 foll., Epp. I. 1. 45 foll. To cross the sea is to fly in the face of the 'prudens Deus,' who put that barrier between land and land.

40. **callidi**; cp. Soph. Ant. 335 foll., summing up the triumph of man's wit: τοῦτο καὶ πολλοῦ πέραν πόντου χειμερίῳ νότῳ | χωρεῖ . . . περιφραδὴς ἀνὴρ. The apodosis to the whole sentence is the original 'Quid leges . . . proficiunt?' 'Horrida . . . navitae' and 'magnum . . . arduae' are both constructed after 'si.' The asyndeton serves to point out that the two last clauses are not fresh instances of that

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general thirst for wealth, which belies sumptuary laws, but two explanations of the merchant's boldness: if the sea is rough the seaman is cunning (for the relation of the two adjectives see on 1. 3. 10) to overcome its difficulties, and in any case there is the prevailing motive behind, the dread of the one great shame, poverty.

42. **magnum opprobrium**; Sat. 2. 3. 92 'Credidit ingens Pauperiem vitium.'

44. **arduae**, predicative. That the hill is steep is the reason why men turn out of the path.

45-50. Orelli well compares with this burst Epod. 16. 17 'Nulla sit hac potior sententia,' &c. The emphasis of position and repetition is shared between *vel* and *nos*; 'vel' 'vel' emphasizing the indifference of the smaller consideration, 'anywhere that you please—give it to the gods or throw it into the sea'; and so the importance of the greater one, 'only get quit of it once for all': 'nos,' 'nos' singling out the poet and the audience whom he addresses from the rest of the world; 'let us at least,' the 'melior pars' of Epod. 16.

45. **in Capitolium**. Horace already imagines the triumphal procession in which, amid the popular joy, the mischievous gold will be conducted to the capitol. Its destination was probably suggested by the gifts which Augustus had made, or was about to make, to that temple. Suet. Oct. 30 'in cellam Capitolini Iovis sedecim milia pondo auri gemmasque ac margaritas quingenties H. S. una donatione contulit.' Cp. generally Od. 3. 3. 49-52.

48. **gemmas et lapides**. For the same distinction the editors quote Ov. de Med. Fac. 20, 21 'Conspiciam gemmis vultis habere manum: Induitis collo lapides oriente petitos'; Mart. 11. 49. 4 'Gemma vel a digito vel cadit aure lapis.' One might fancy from these lines that 'gemma' meant specially a stone set and graven; and passages are quoted in which 'lapis' is used specially of a pearl. In any case the double substantive will mean 'jewels of every kind'; see above, v. 12.

49. **summi mali**, 'dictum ut *summa res publica, summa salus*,' Orelli, 'the occasion of the chief offending.'

50. **bene** = 'vere,' 'to any good purpose.' Cp. the uses of 'male,' 'male sanus,' &c.

51. **eradenda . . . elementa**. If any full metaphor is felt, it would seem to be of rubbing out the characters on a waxed tablet. The *στοιχεῖα*, rudiments, alphabet, of avarice must be effaced, the mind must become once more *καθαρὸς πῖναξ*.

cupidinis, masc., see on 2. 16. 15; here, as there, it is the desire of money.

54. **rudis**, with 'nescit'; it is antithetical to 'doctior'; 'knows not, for he has never been taught this lesson.'

57. **Graeco**. For the comparison of true Roman sports to the more fashionable Greek ones cp. Sat. 2. 2. 9 foll. 'Ieporem sectatus equove Lassus ab indomito—vel si Romana fatigat Militia adsuetum

graecari, seu pila velox . . . Seu te discus agit,' &c. The 'trochus' was a hoop; see Dict. Ant.

58. **vetita legibus**; Ov. Trist. 2. 470 'Haec [alea] est ad nostros non leve crimen avos'; Cic. Phil. 2. 23. 56 'Licinium Denticulam de alea condemnatum.' The definite laws are not known.

59. **cum . . . fallat**, seems to give the reason of the foregoing facts. You cannot wonder at it when the father himself is engaged as he is.

periura fides; cp. 1. 18. 16 'Arcani fides prodiga.' You trust his honour, you find it forsworn.

60. **consortem socium**, 'the partner of his fortunes.' 'Consors' was used for a 'coheir,' as 'sors' for 'patrimonium,' Fest. s. v. It seems to be more widely used for those whose fortune is in the same bottom.

62. **properet**, trans. as 'deproperare,' Od. 2. 7. 24, 'festinare,' Epp. 1. 2. 61.

scilicet, 'this is the end of the whole matter.' The thirst for money, which can never be satisfied, is the cause to which Horace traces the cheating of the father and the gambling of the son, and in it he returns to the lesson of the Ode, of the first line as of the last.

improbæ; not to be confined to 'crescunt,' for it describes the nature of wealth, which for ever grows, yet comes no nearer to satisfying: it is like a pitcher of the Danaids: τὸ μὲν εὖ πρᾶσσειν ἀκόρεστον ἔφν πάνσι βροτοῖσιν.

ODE XXV

IN this Ode, as in 2. 19, Horace has tried to catch the inspiration of a Greek dithyramb. In that one he professes to recall the effects which the sight of Bacchus had upon him: in the present one he is actually under the influence of the afflatus. 'He is hurried away, whither he knows not: his eyes are opened on strange caverns and river-banks and woods. His tongue will be loosed in a moment to sing no humble theme, and in no common strain, the glories of Caesar: he follows the god, for he must; and it is delightful, but it is fearful too.'

The glory of Caesar is only mentioned as the subject of the coming burst of song; but the place of honour given to it is in effect the celebration which is promised. See 1. 6, Introd.

Metre—*Third Asclepiad*.

1. **tui plenum**; 2. 19. 6 'pleno Bacchi pectore.'

2. For the omission of the preposition with the first substantive cp. Epp. 2. 1. 25 'Vel Gabiis vel cum rigidis aequata Sabinis,' Virg. Aen. 6. 692 'Quas ego te terras et quanta per aequora vectum

Accipio.' It was a Greek licence; cp. amongst others Soph. O. T. 733 σχιστῇ δ' ὁδὸς | ἐς ταὐτὸ Δελφῶν καπὸ Δαυλίας ἄγει.

3. **velox mente nova.** The inspiration so alters him that he can hardly recognize his soul as his own, and it endows him with the swiftness of thought.

quibus antris, local ablative.

4-6. The constr. is 'audiar, meditans inserere.' Horace already 'meditatur inserere,' &c. The question is where his dreamings will find voice and an auditory.

4. **egregii**, I. 6. 11.

5. **aeternum** is predicative, 'to set Caesar's glory as a new star in the skies for ever.'

meditans = μελετῶν, 'planning,' 'practising.' Possibly also it suggested the idea, which it often conveys, of poetical composition as the means of conferring the promised glory: 'meditari' is used in the sense of 'composing aloud' in Virg. E. 6. 82 'Omnia, quae Phoebus quondam meditante beatus Audiit Eurotas.'

6. **consilio Iovis**, 'the council-board of Jupiter.' Virgil's 'quem mox quae sint habitura deorum Concilia,' G. 1. 24, is hardly as high a compliment to Augustus' wisdom. The general terms in which Caesar's apotheosis is spoken of are the same in the two passages. In both he is at one moment to be a god, at another a star.

7. The subject of his song is to be something notable, something new, something which no tongue has sung of before him.

recens implies that the events are fresh.

8. **non secus**, &c. As the Bacchante who has been carried by her frenzy to the top of Haemus (cp. Lucan. 1. 673 'vertice Pindi Edonis Ogygio decurrit plena Lyaeo') gazes in rapt astonishment on the plain of Thrace before her, the Hebrus watering the middle of it, Rhodope its western boundary—so the poet, carried he knows not where ('devio'), looks with delighted wonder on river-banks and woodland. The two points of comparison are the unexpectedness of the sight, and its effect in rousing further the Bacchic or the poetic ἐνθουσιασμός. Thrace is sacred land to the Bacchante, the woods and streams to the poet, 3. 4. 5 foll., 4. 3. 10.

9. **exsomnia**; Soph. Ant. 1152 Θνίαισιν αἶ σε μαινόμεναι πάννχοι | χορεύουσι. The epithet indicates her excitement. Bentley, objecting that the Bacchae are spoken of by Euripides (Bacch. 682) and other poets as sleeping, and that 'iugis' requires an epithet, needlessly alters 'exsomnia' to 'Edonis,' and he is followed by Meineke, Haupt, and Dill. Kiessling reads 'exsomnia' to be taken closely with 'stupet,' 'wakes to gaze astonished,' &c.

11. **pede barbaro.** The point of the epithets is the desolation or savagery of the view; they correspond to the 'vacuum nemus,' cf. v. 13: there is room there for the god and for the muses.

12. **ut**, constr. after 'non secus': cp. I. 16. 7, 9 'aeque . . . ut.'

14. **Naiadum potens**, I. 3. 1.

15. **valentium**; Eur. Bacch. 109, 1064, 1098. A comparison is

evidently intended between the supernatural strength given to the Bacchantes by the possession of the god and the power to sing 'nil parvum nil mortale,' which the same inspiration gives to the poet.

17. **humili modo**, ταπεινῶς. 'Modus' does not seem to have been actually used in a musical or poetical sense in the singular.

18. **mortale**, 'of mere man's utterance,' Conington.

20. **tempora**, the god's own temples, as appears from 4. 8. 33 'ornatus viridi tempora pampino Liber.'

ODE XXVI

THE poet professes himself foiled in his addresses to Chloe, and recognizes the meaning of the failure: 'He has made his conquests in his time; but his campaigns are over. Here in Venus' temple he will hang up the instruments of gallantry for which he has no more use. May Venus (we expect, 'grant him peace at last,' 'spare him further love troubles') make Chloe feel one little smart of her lash.'

The conclusion points the irony of the beginning. Compare 4. 1. Introd.

1. **vixi**, implying that the life is over (cp. 3. 29. 43 'Vixi: cras vel atra,' &c.), although 'nuper idoneus,' which qualifies it, implies that it is only just over.

idoneus; 4. 1. 12.

3. The arms of the warfare which he abandons (cp. 4. 1. 16 'militiae tuae') are to be suspended in the temple of Venus, as the 'gladiator emeritus,' Epp. 1. 1. 4, affixes his arms 'Herculis ad postem.'

4. **barbiton**. The lute implies that his love-songs are over as well as his loves.

5. **laevum**. The wall of the temple of Venus Anadyomene which her statue has on its left hand, i. e. which the worshipper or spectator facing the goddess would have on his right hand. The meaning of the particularity is not clear. Possibly Horace is referring to a special temple. Possibly it is the side of good omen, and indicates that the warfare is viewed as 'bone ac feliciter peractum.'

6. **ponite**, addressed to the attendants; the 'pueri' who are named in the similar 1. 19. 14.

7. **funalia**; Virg. Aen. 1. 727. They were apparently tapers of a large size, ropes smeared with wax, here used to light the lover to his mistress' door. Cp. Prop. 1. 3. 10, 4. 16. 16 and Theoc. 2. 128 Εἰ δ' ἄλλα μ' ὥθειτε καὶ ἅ θύρα εἶχετο μοχλῶ | πάντως καὶ πελέκεις καὶ λαμπάδες ἦνθον ἐφ' ὑμέας.

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et arcus. 'Quibus ianitores terrerent' is the note in R^s, the MS. in Queen's College (Oxford) Library. Cp. 3. 14. 23. It is an odd weapon for the purpose, and, as Bentley complains, the 'oppositae fores' would have protected the porter. He alters 'et arcus' boldly to 'securisque'; Keller defends the rather strange conjecture 'ascias,' a rare word for an axe. Other meanings have been suggested for 'arcus,' such as 'catapults' or 'levers,' but they are unsupported.

9, 10. It is common to preface prayers by recalling various titles and sacred places of the god who is addressed. 'Cyprus' is the well-known seat of Venus' worship; see 1. 3. 1. Why 'Memphis' is named is not so clear. Hdt. (2. 112) and Strabo (17, p. 1161) mention a temple of Ἀφροδιτῇ ξείνῃ there. A line of Bacchylides (37, Bergk) has been preserved: τὴν ἀχείμαντόν τε Μέμφιν καὶ δονακώδεα Νεῖλον, of which possibly an echo is heard in the epithet of Memphis here; but the connexion of the verse is not known. Probably, as Dill^r. and Ritter think, 'carentem nive' is an appeal to Venus against the icy heart of Chloe: 'Etenim frigus ut in rerum natura ita in hominum pectoribus odiosum est Veneri.' Dill^r.

10. **Sithonia**; 1. 18. 9.

11, 12. Venus is for the moment armed with the lash, which belongs rather to the Furies, to punish offences against herself. 'Sublimi,' 'lifted high for the blow.'

ODE XXVII

'BAD omens are for the bad. If I fear for you, I will at least wish you all good omens. Go, if you must go, and be happy wherever you are; and think of me sometimes, Galatea. Only remember the season. I have reason to know what a stormy passage of the Adriatic is like; may no friend of mine ever experience it! Europa didn't know on what she was embarking, till she found herself on the seas and saw nothing but sky and water. Then she repented bitterly, till Venus consoled her.'

It is possible that the conclusion of Europa's story loses its immediate point from our not knowing the circumstances of Galatea's journey. Was she too, it has been suggested, to find consolation in the wealth and greatness of the companion of her travel? There is no passion, though there is tenderness and kindness, in the poet's feeling towards her. The Ode contrasts in this respect with the similar poems of Propertius (1. 8) and Ovid (Am. 2. 11).

In any case Horace meant people to read his Ode who knew nothing of Galatea, and the story of Europa makes an artistic whole, even if, as is so often the case in Pindar's mythological episodes, it only touches at one point the subject with which the Ode begins. The story of Europa is told in Ov. Met. 2. 847 foll.

1. **parrae**. Probably the common owl, called still in local Italian dialects 'parruzza.'

recinentis, repeating its note; 1. 12. 3, Epp. 1. 1. 55.

2. **ducat**, πέμποι, 'go with them on their way,' i.e. attend their setting forth. The talk is of ἐνόδιοι σύμβολοι, Aesch. P. V. 487.

3. **rava**, 'ravus color dicitur niger mixtus cum fulvo,' Acr.

decurrens Lanuvino. Lanuvium, now Cività Lavinia, was on a hill about a mile to the right of the Via Appia (cp. Cic. pro Mil. 5. 10), by which Galatea is starting, like Horace in Sat. 1. 5, for Brundisium and the passage to Greece.

5. **rumpat et**. There is no inconsistency, as Bentley objects, between the wishes of the first and second stanzas. They are really alternatives, though put, after a common fashion, conjunctively, like the Homeric εἴθ' ὄφελος ἄγονός τ' ἔμεναι ἄγαμός τ' ἀπολέσθαι: see on 3. 11. 49. 'Let evil omens attend the setting forth, *or* stop the journey of the wicked.' Both things may happen to them, though not to the same people on the same occasion. 'I,' he continues, 'if with my knowledge of augury I am anxious for a friend, will at least do my best to procure good omens for her. Go, Galatea, where you like best, and good omens go with you.' Munro follows Bentley in adopting the reading 'rumpit,' which is found in some of the good MSS. This alteration gives a different colour to the whole passage. All three stanzas will then, though under varied forms, be really direct statements of the omens which stop, or ought to stop, persons from setting out on a journey. 'Only those who think nothing of religion would start in spite of the hooting of an owl (the form is optative or permissive, 'let the omen of an owl, &c. go with the wicked'): even if the journey is begun, it is broken off if a snake darts across the road: I shall pray, when I am anxious for a friend's safety, for the omen of a croaking crow in the east, instead of that of the raven flying away to the pools.' The transition from this to stanza 4 is very awkward, unless, with Bentley and Munro, we complete the sense by adopting, in v. 15, the conjecture of Lambinus, 'vetat'; so that it will mean, 'in your case, Galatea, there are none of these bad omens.' The 'que' in v. 15 is awkward in that case, and the direct enumeration of the omens must have owed its point, if it had any, to circumstances which we do not know.

7. **cui timebo**, 'for one for whom'; the dative has to do double duty.

8. **providus auspex**. He will not only wait for the omens and judge them when they come, but will look forward to them, and try to procure good ones.

10. **imbrium divina avis**, as 3. 17. 12 'aquae augur annosa cornix,' of the same bird. Both 'stantis paludes' and 'vaga' seem to refer to the same sign of bad weather as that mentioned by Virg. G. 1. 388 'Tum cornix plena pluviam vocat improba voce Et sola in sicca secum spatiat harena.' Horace will pray that the omen of good weather may anticipate and prevent the omen of bad.

11. **oscinem**, 'to give an omen by its voice,' according to the

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division of birds of omen given in Virg. Aen. 3. 361 'Et volucrum linguas et praepetis omina pennae.'

13. **licet**, sc. 'per me,' 'I would not hinder it.'

14. **nostri**; 3. 11. 51, 3. 28. 9.

15. **laevus picus**; see Conington on Virg. E. 9. 15. He points out that the appearance on the left or on the right of particular birds seems to have affected, not the goodness or badness of the omen, but its credibility.

16. **vaga**, see on v. 10.

18. **pronus** = 'devexus,' 1. 28. 21. Cp. Epod. 10. 9, 15. 7. 'Amidst what commotion Orion hastens to his setting.'

ego novi. Horace had made the passage himself on his way to Athens, and home from the war after the battle of Philippi, if not also before and after Actium.

quid sit, &c., 'what Hadria's gulf is when it blackens, and the treachery of Iapyx for all his white skies.'

20. **Iapyx** (1. 3. 4) is the favourable wind for crossing from Brundisium. It is usually 'albus' (see on 1. 7. 15), but capable of occasionally deceiving those who trust it. For the verbal antithesis of 'ater,' 'albus,' see on 1. 21. 7, 8.

21. **hostium**; 1. 21. 13 foll. If these horrors must fall on some one, may it be on our enemies. Virg. G. 3. 513 'Di meliora piis, erroremque hostibus illum.'

caecos, 'blind,' in the sense of 'mysterious,' of which the effect is perceived before the cause; cp. 'Ὡς δ' ὅτε πορφύρῃ πέλαγος μέγα κύματι κωφῶ, | ὁσσόμενον λιγέων ἀνέμων λαιψήρὰ κέλευθα | αὐτως, Hom. Il. 14. 16: or possibly only 'unexpected,' as 'caeca fata,' 2. 13. 16.

24. **ripas**, of the shore of the sea, as in 2. 18. 22.

25-29. **sic et... et**. The parallel consists in the confidence before the danger was seen, followed by terror when it became apparent.

25. **doloso credidit**; 3. 5. 33 'perfidis se credidit.'

26. **latus**. The picture is of her lying along on the bull's back, as in 2. 7. 18 'latus Depone sub lauru,' of Pompeius lying at length on the grass.

scatentem beluis; see on 1. 3. 18.

27. **medias fraudes**. She did not discover the deception till she was in the thick of it (ἐν μέσοις ἀρκυστάτοις) and then she 'turned pale at the sight, for all her boldness.'

28. **palluit**, with accusative, as in Epp. 1. 3. 10.

30. **debitae**; 1. 36. 2, 2. 7. 17.

33. **centum oppidis**; Epod. 9. 29. The Homeric ἐκατόμπολιν, Il. 2. 649.

34. **pater, o relictum filiae nomen**, 'My father! oh name thy daughter has left behind her!' It is probably best to take the words 'Pater! o nomen (sc. patris) filiae (sc. a filia) relictum.' She calls on her father, but the name reminds her that she has abandoned the privileges as well as the duties recalled by it. Bentley compares Ariadne's confession, Ov. Her. 10. 69 'Nam pater et tellus iusto regnata parenti Proditæ sunt facto nomina cara

meo.' The other possible construction, 'filiae (gen. case) nomēn relictum (sc. a me),' seems, as Bentley argues, to require 'O pater! O relictum,' &c., as they then become separate exclamations.

Europa's father was, according to Homer, Il. 14. 321, Phoenix; according to Ovid, Met. l. c., Agenor.

35. **pietas victa furore**; cp. Ov. Met. l. 149 'Victa iacet pietas.' This is better than with Acr., to take 'victa furore' with 'dixit,' as a description of Europa.

37. **unde quo**. The two questions run together after the Greek fashion. *τίς πόθεν γεγώς*; Eur. Alc. 213. 'Asyndeton convenit com-moto loquentis animo,' Ritter. Mitsch. compares Virgil's expression of Turnus' bewilderment, Aen. 10. 669 'Quo feror? unde abii? quae me fuga quemve reducet?' This is perhaps consistent with the feeling that if she answered her questions, the answer would be, 'from a happy home to shame and danger'; but in the first instance the picture seems to be of bewilderment, expressed by a rapid succession of contradictory thoughts, though they settle down at last into self-reproach.

levis, 'is light for,' i. e. a light punishment for.

una mors, 'a single death' = death by itself, without additional pains. Soph. Ant. 308 οὐχ ἑμὶν Ἀιδης μῶνος ἀρκέσει. Propertius imitates it, 4. 4. 17 'Et satis una malae potuit mors esse puellae'; Paley, in loc., refers the expression to the Greek πολλὰκις, μυριάκις τεθνάναι.

38. **virginum culpa**: Orelli points out (against Markland, who wished to read 'virginis') that the plural softens, by generalizing, the truth. She feels the special application, but is likely to shrink from expressing it. Similarly, Bentley injures the delicacy of the passage by changing 'vitiis' to 'vitio.' The reasons which he gives for the change—the generality of the plural and the technical use of the singular as almost = 'stuprum'—really indicate Horace's purpose in preferring 'vitiis.'

41. **porta eburna**; Hom. Od. 19. 562 foll., Virg. Aen. 6. 894.

42. **somnium ducit**, 'the fancy brings a dream,' i. e. comes in a dream.

47. **enitar**, 'I would use all my strength'; it contrasts with 'multum amati.'

48. **monstri**. Some good MSS. have 'tauri,' but, as Orelli observes, this reading was probably a gloss, helped to usurp the text by v. 72. Europa has called it, in v. 45, 'infamem iuvenum,' but she has learnt long ago that it was not merely what it seemed. It should be noticed that Horace imagines the bull to have vanished the moment he has landed Europa on the Cretan shore. She is then alone, conscious that she has been brought there for a bad purpose, but thinking (vv. 63-65) of some earthly ravisher, such as Paris, &c., till Venus appears to reconcile her to the honour intended for her by Jupiter.

50. **impudens**. She repeats it, as though she had now found the clue to her conduct, 'shameless' from beginning to end.

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Orcum moror, 'keep Death waiting.'

51. **si quis audis**. The second person of the verb is used by a kind of attraction, something between 'O dii, si auditis,' and 'O deus, si quis deorum audit.' Dill^r. compares Virg. Aen. 4. 684 'Exoriare aliquis nostris ex ossibus ultor.'

53-56. The point of this stanza is not quite obvious. Orelli thinks she deprecates a tedious death, and quotes Soph. Ant. 819 foll. οὔτε φθινάσιν πληγείσα νόσοις | οὔτε ξιφείων ἐπίχειρα λαχοῦς', | ἀλλ' αὐτόνομος ζῶσα μόνη δὴ | θνατῶν Αἶδαν καταβήσει. But probably the thought is rather that she would make haste and let her young beauty, the hated cause of her present condition, gain her a death before it too vanished. It may at least be of some use if it makes her a dainty morsel for a tiger. She loathes her beauty: it is not that she would spare it from withering, or herself from seeing it wither.

58. **hac ab orno**, 'you need not look far.'

59. **bene** = 'opportune'; cp. Aesch. Suppl. 457 foll.

60. **laedere**, 'to break'; more usually 'elidere,' a conscious μείωσις. Cp. Soph. Ant. 54 πλεκταῖσιν ἀρτάναισι λωβᾶται βίον. It is a common mode of self-destruction in the heroic legends. Cp. Jocasta (Ant. l. c.), and Antigone herself, ib. 1221 τὴν μὲν κρεμαστήν αὐχένος κατείδομεν, | βρόχῳ μιν δὲ σινδόνης (= 'zona') καθημμένην.

61. **leto**, the dative of the purpose with respect to which they are sharp. Dill^r. points out the bitterness of 'delectant.' The only reason the father for the moment can imagine why she should not hang herself, is that she is caught by the charms of some other form of death.

62. **procellae**. The idea seems to be that she is to trust herself to the wings of the wind, which will carry her quickly to the bottom.

64. **carpere pensum**; Prop. 3. 6. 15 'tristes sua pensa ministrae Carpebant, medio nebat et ipsa loco,' of maidens carding their 'weighed portions' of wool for the mistress to spin.

65. **sanguis**; 2. 20. 6, 4. 2. 13, C. S. 49.

66. **barbarae**, 'foreign,' as though a Greek, and not a Tyrian, were talking. Cp. Conington on Virg. Aen. 2. 504. The 'paelex' will be at the command of the native queen, as Cassandra at Clytemnestra's in the Agam.

67. **perfidum ridens**; 1. 22. 23, 2. 12. 14, 2. 19. 6. Her 'smile of treachery' is partly at the success of the device which has beguiled Europa; partly (the emphasis being rather on 'ridens,' which comes to some extent *παρὰ προσδοκίαν*), with a more playful meaning, at Europa's misplaced grief, which she is about to allay. Cupid has his bow unstrung, to show that his work is over.

69. **abstineto irarum**; for the Greek gen. see on 2. 9. 17.

71. **cum reddet**, i. e. presently, when he gives you the opportunity of doing as you have said that you would do (v. 45).

73. **uxor esse nescis**. Either the Greek construction for 'uxorem te esse nescis'; or, as Orelli preferred, = 'tamquam uxorem te gerere nescis,' 'you know not how to play the wife.'

75. *sectus orbis*, 'half the world.'

76. *nomina*, plural, as 4. 2. 3 'daturus nomina ponto.'

ODE XXVIII

THE poet represents himself as about to celebrate the 'Neptunalia' by a carouse, in company with Lyde a 'psaltria.' Cp. 4. 11. 'What can he do better on such a day?' He bids her 'bustle about and bring out the old Caecuban; their sobriety will need a good deal of storming. There is no time to lose; the day is already waning. They will sing in turns: he of Neptune and the Nereids, she of Latona and Diana; then both together of Venus and of Night.'

The Neptunalia were held on July 23. Festus mentions the custom of celebrating the day by erecting booths of boughs called 'umbrae' along the bank of the Tiber.

2. *reconditum*, put safely away in the inner bins: cp. 'interiore nota,' 2. 3. 8.

3. *strenua*, with 'promē,' 'be vigorous and bring'; it almost begins the metaphor of the next verse, 'show vigorous generalship.' The Caecuban is the artillery that must be brought to bear against the strong entrenchments of their seriousness.

Caecubum; on 1. 20. 9.

4. *sapientiae*; 3. 21. 14.

5. *inclinare meridiem*, in prose, 'sol meridiē se inclinavit,' Liv. 9. 32, 'the noon has passed its full.'

7. *horreo*, a 'store' generally, having lost its original meaning of a store of grain; 1. 1. 9. Here it is='apotheca'; see on 3. 21. 7.

8. *cessantem*, as though it were the fault of the wine that it came no quicker.

Bibuli. C. Calpurnius Bibulus, cos. with C. Julius Caesar, B.C. 59. There is doubtless a play on his name.

9. *nos cantabimus invicem*. Either 'nos'='ego,' 3. 11. 51, 3. 27. 14, 'invicem' meaning 'in my turn'; or, more likely, 'We will sing in turn ('carminē amoebaeo') of Neptune,' &c., the sentence beginning as though 'invicem' would have been enough to point out that 'Neptune and the Nereids' were to be the subject of one's song, Latona and Diana of the other's, and then 'tu recines' having been inserted to make the antithesis more clear. For the division cp. 1. 21.

11. *recines*, of an answering song, as in 1. 12. 3 of an echo. The correspondence of the songs is indicated by the metrical correspondence of vv. 10 and 12.

13. *quae*. What is the antecedent? 'eam,' sc. 'recines' or

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'cantabimus'; or 'ea,' sc. 'dicetur'? In any case, probably, it is not intended to limit to Lyde the song addressed to Venus.

14. **fulgentis**; 1. 14. 19.

15. **oloribus**. For Venus' car drawn by swans see 4. 1. 10.

16. **Nox**; 3. 19. 10.

nenia, not necessarily a mournful song, as we see from Epp. 1. 1. 63 'puerorum nenia.'

ODE XXIX

THE Ode begins with an invitation to Maecenas to visit the poet apparently at his Sabine farm. 'Everything is ready for his reception. Why does he delay, look out of his window on the distant country, yet stay amid the grandeur and discomforts of the city? Change is pleasant, even from luxury to simpler life. It smooths the brow of care. The dog-days are beginning: in the country they are thinking only of getting into the shade and to the riverbanks. Maecenas is still full of his cares for home and foreign politics.' Here Horace takes a wider sweep, and expresses with some dignity his philosophy of life, such as it is. 'The future is purposely hidden from us. Live in the present; make the best of it, you cannot control or foresee anything else. This is *αὐτάρκεια*, and happiness. If you have really tasted life to-day, you may defy Jupiter himself to rob you of that pleasure. Fortune delights in changing men's outward condition: the philosopher is independent of her. If his outward happiness is shipwrecked, he can get ashore unharmed himself.'

On the place of the Ode in the three Books see Introd. to Books i-iii, § 11. 2; on its probable date see *ibid.* § 8.

1. **Tyrrhena regum progenies**; see on 1. 1. 1. The correspondence is perhaps not accidental, but intended to help the feeling that he comes back at the end of his task to the theme with which he began it—his patron: 'prima dictus, summa dicendus, Camena.' That Maecenas was proud of his Tuscan ancestry, and that his friends were in the habit of setting it in relief against the self-chosen humility of his rank in Rome, are the explanation of Horace's selecting this special form of expressing his friend's state and greatness. 'My great friend' is the natural address, when the poem is an invitation to him to exchange the weary pomp of his city life, for the humbler country pleasures of the poet's home. For the hypallage cp. 'Graia victorum manus,' Epod. 10. 12.

2. **verso**. The 'cadus' or 'amphora' had to be tipped to pour its contents into the 'crater' which was set on the table.

4. **tuis**, 'expressly for you': in the same way 'non ante verso lene merum cado,' wine which has not been opened, but left year

after year to grow mellow, is paired with 'tibi': it was kept for you, and is good enough for you.

balanus='myrobalanus,' Plin. N. H. 12. 46, the Arabian 'behen nut,' giving a fragrant oil.

5. **iamdudum**, antithetical to 'morae,' as 'me' to 'te.' My part is done long ago; the delay is on your side.

6. **nec**. The good MSS. are divided between 'nec' and 'ne.' B has 'nec.' If we choose 'ne' it is final, 'that you be not for ever looking.' 'Nec' is quite Horatian; cp. 1. 9. 15 'nec sperne,' 1. 11. 2 'nec temptaris,' 2. 11. 4 'nec trepides.' Munro quotes for the change from the imperative to the subjunctive of advice or entreaty, both with negative and positive conjunctions, Martial 1. 70. 13 'Hanc pete, nec (ne) metuas,' 1. 117. 13 'Illinc me pete, nec roges'; Tibull. 4. 4. 9 'Sancte veni, tecumque feras,' 'pray, bring.' The places named are all such as we view from Rome. Missing this obvious sense, Lachmann altered 'nec' to 'hic,' and others have suggested 'ut'; but did they suppose that Horace had residences at all these places, or that they were visible from his farm in the Sabine hills, or that he was inviting Maecenas to a tour about Latium?

Aefulae, evidently on the slopes of the hills near Tibur; its exact position is not known. It has been identified with Monte Affliano, two miles S. E. of Tivoli. Livy (26. 9) names the 'arx Aefulae' as one of the strongholds garrisoned on the approach of Hannibal; and Pliny (3. 9) mentions it as one of the cities of Latium which had ceased to exist before his time. There is a doubt as to the form between Aefula and Aesula.

8. **Telegoni iuga**; Epod. 1. 29 'Tusculi Circaea . . . moenia.' Legends assigned its foundation to Telegonus, the son of Ulysses by Circe, who unwittingly slew his father. Arist. Poet. 14.

9. **fastidiosam**, active, of that which causes 'fastidium'; 'which tires.'

10. **molem**; cp. 2. 15. 1 'regiae moles.' Perhaps the 'domus alta' (Epod. 9. 3) of Maecenas on the Esquiline. Conington, quoting as parallel Virg. Aen. 1. 421 'Miratur molem Aeneas, magalia quondam, Miratur portas strepitumque et strata viarum,' prefers to take 'molem' of the buildings of Rome generally.

11. **beatae**, *ὀλβίας*; cp. 1. 4. 14. Often used, as here, for a happiness vouched for by public opinion, rather than by the speaker. Cp. Sat. 2. 8. 1 'Ut Nasidieni iuvit te cena beati?'

12. **fumum et opes strepitumque**, the elements which, Horace would say, make up that 'happiness' of Rome which as a whole Maecenas is supposed to admire. The point is the mixture of magnificence and annoyance; but Horace, as he indicates by the collocation, would count the magnificence among the annoyances. For 'strepitum' cp. Epp. 2. 2. 72 foll.

13. **vices**, a change of life.

14. **mundae**, 'neatly served'—see on Od. 1. 5. 5, Sat. 2. 2. 65, Epp. 1. 4. 11.

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15. **aulaeis**. These are explained to be an awning between the roof and the table. At Nasidienus' supper they fall and bring down the accumulated dust with them on the table; Sat. 2. 8. 54. Cp. Virg. Aen. 1. 697 with Conington's note.

ostro; ib. 700 'stratoque super discumbitur ostro,' of the purple coverings of the couches.

16. **explicuere**; Sat. 2. 2. 125 'Explicuit vino contractae seria frontis.' The tense is regular, 'have often ere now,' &c. As Madvig points out (Opusc. Acad. 2, p. 114), the so-called 'aoristic' use of the perfect is its use without 'plerumque' (which is present here) or some word of similar generalizing force, as though such a word had been present; see Od. 1. 34. 16.

17. **clarus** is predicative, 'shows brightly the fire he had hidden before.'

Andromedae pater, Cepheus. According to Columella, this constellation rose in the evening on July 9.

18. **Procyon**, in Latin 'Antecanem' or 'Antecanis' (Cic. N. D. 2. 44), and sometimes 'Canicula,' the Little Dog, which, on the same authority, rose in the morning on July 15.

19. **stella Leonis**. The Lion, the sign of the Zodiac, into which the sun passed on Aug. 1, Columel. 11. 2, § 51. The loose use of 'stella' for a constellation is found in Virgil also, as G. 1. 222.

22. **horridi**='hirsuti.' The epithet serves to recall his image, and perhaps also to suggest the depth of the forest where the 'uncouth' inhuman wood-god lives.

25. **status**; cp. Cicero's division, Mur. 11. 24 'omnia quae sunt in imperio et in statu civitatis,' almost = 'foreign and home politics.'

27. **Seres**; see on 1. 12. 56.

regnata Cyro Bactra, for construction cp. 2. 6. 11 'regnata . . . Laconi Rura Phalantho.' 'Bactra' is used for the Parthian empire, as are 'Persia' and 'Media'; 'Cyro' as 2. 2. 17 'Cyri solio.' Probably (as Kiessling) the suggested or expressed epithets in each case are intended to imply the needlessness of anxiety—the Seres [distant in place], the Scythians, occupied with quarrels of their own; and so this description of the Parthian is meant to suggest a distance of time, they belong to the old world.

28. **Tanais discors**. The Tanais (now the Don) stands for the Scythians (cp. 3. 10. 1, 4. 15. 24). For the embassy of the Scythians, which, according to Orosius (6. 21. 19), came to Augustus while he was at Tarraco, see on Od. 2. 9. With the argument contained in the epithet 'discors,' cp. 3. 8. 19 'Medus infestus sibi luctuosis Dissidet armis.'

29. **prudens**; 1. 3. 22.

32. **trepidat**; 2. 11. 4.

33. **componere aequus**='aequo animo ordinare.' The editors quote from Suidas the words of Cratinus: ἀνδρας σοφους ἐχρῆν τὸ παρὸν πρᾶγμα εἰς δύναμιν θέσθαι καλῶς. 'Componere,' however, has more distinctly the idea of 'reducing to order' (as in 'componere litis,' and in less matters 'componere togam'); it has reference to

the coming metaphors. 'The present, if you yourself are equable, may be kept in some order: the future is like a rushing river—it may be calm in its strength: it may be flooded and carrying everything before it.' The vagueness of 'quod adest' and 'cetera,' suggests that they include nearness and farness of place as well as time, and so form something of a link between vv. 25-28 and what follows. 'You, Maecenas, are scheming about the distant and the future; but the present in all senses is all that we can control.'

34. **alveo**. Some good MSS. have 'aequore.' But 'bed' is more appropriate here than 'surface.'

35. **cum pace**; Madv. § 257, obs. 2.

Etruscum. For the elision cp. 2. 3. 27.

36. **adosos**, worn or broken by the stream; οὓς τε κυλίνδων! χειμάρρους ποταμὸς μεγάλας περιέξεσε δίναις. Mitsch. compares 'levia saxa,' 1. 17. 12.

39. **clamore**, as Virg. Aen. 3. 566 'Ter scopuli clamorem inter cava saxa dedere,' and Hom. Il. 17. 265 ἡϊόνες βοόωσιν.

40. **diluvies**; 4. 14. 28. A poetical word for the usual 'diluvium.'

41. **amnis**, the rivers generally, or possibly the lesser streams that feed the river of which we are speaking.

potens sui, ἐγκρατὴς ἑαυτοῦ, αὐτάρκης.

42. **in diem**, as Bentley pointed out, with 'dixisse,' not with 'vixi.'

43. **dixisse**, a simple perfect; see on 3. 4. 51. It is the net result when each day is summed up.

vixi; Virg. Aen. 4. 653. Seneca (Ben. 5. 17) seems to put the two passages together, 'Quis extremo die dicere audet: Vixi et quem dederat cursum fortuna peregi?' The idea is that to have lived in the full sense, to have felt the pleasure of life, for one day, makes a man independent of the future; he has had something which cannot now be taken from him.

47. **diffinget**, 'alter'; see on 1. 35. 39. For the sentiment cp. Agathon in Ar. Eth. N. 6. 2 μόνου γὰρ αὐτοῦ καὶ θεὸς στερίσκεται | ἀγέννητα ποιεῖν ἄσος' ἂν ἢ πεπραγμένα.

48. **vexit**, perhaps best, 'has brought'; Virg. G. 1. 461 'quid vesper serus vehat.' 'Semel' is to be taken with 'vexit,' the hour flies, but what it has brought abides for ever. Others make 'vexit' = 'avexit.'

50. **ludum**; 2. 1. 3 'ludum Fortunae.'

54. **resigno**. Festus vouches for the use of 'resignare' as = 'rescribere'; and 'rescribere,' as we see from Sat. 2. 3. 75 (cp. the opp. 'scribe,' ibid. 69), had the sense of 'to pay back,' 'to cancel a bond by payment.' Horace uses the same word again in Epp. 1. 7. 34 'Hac ego si compellor imagine, cuncta resigno'; but no other Roman writer is quoted for this use of it, which has passed into modern languages.

55. **virtute me involvo**. He has given up the external gifts of Fortune; so far he is 'nudus' (3. 16. 23), but she cannot rob him.

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of what is internal, and so his own. The expression is parallel to Plato's ἀρετὴν ἀντὶ ἡμαρτίων ἐμφιέσονται of the women of his state, Rep. 5. p. 457 A.

56. **quaero**, seek as my bride.

58. **miseras**; Juv. 3. 276 'votum miserabile.'

59. **decurrere**; Virg. Aen. 5. 782 'preces descendere ad omnis,' Hdt. 1. 116 καταβαίνειν εἰς λιτάς.

62. **biremis**, not a ship with two banks of oars, but = 'duorum scalmorum navicula,' Cic. ad Att. 10. 10. 5, a little two-oared boat attached to a larger vessel. The two stanzas are metaphorical. 'If my fortune fails me, I am not like the merchant who in a shipwreck wastes his time in abject prayers for his cargo; I can get ashore with all I care for.'

64. **geminus Pollux**. 'Pollux, the twin-brother,' is as much as to say, 'Pollux, with his twin-brother Castor.' Cp. 1. 3. 2, 1. 12. 25, 4. 8. 31.

ODE XXX

'THE task is done; the monument is built which will immortalize my name. While Rome stands men will tell how one born by the Aufidus rose from a humble rank to greatness: the first Roman lyric poet. Melpomene, give me the crown which I have earned.'

Cp. Od. 1. 1 and 2. 20 and notice the growth of poetic self-confidence in the three Odes. The Ode is paraphrased by Ovid, Met. 15. 871 foll.

Metre—*First Asclepiad*.

1. **exegi**, 'finished.'

aere = 'aereis statuis.'

2. **situ**, 'construction,' an unusual sense of the word, as it is generally used of the site of a building, not of its erection. Dillr. quotes Tac. Ann. 3. 38 'Philippopolim a Macedone Philippo sitam.'

3. **impotens**, of unrestrained violence. Cp. Epod. 16. 62 'impotentia astri,' Od. 1. 37. 10.

5. **fuga**; cp. 2. 1. 41, and see on 2. 5. 13. Ritter points out that there is the suggestion of a double metaphor of the destructive effects of time, 'si quidem memoria annorum aut annorum serie obruitur aut fuga temporum abripitur.'

6. **multa**, as Ovid in the same connexion, 'parte . . . meliore mei.' **que**; see on 1. 27. 16.

7. **Libitinam**; Sat. 2. 6. 19, Epp. 2. 1. 49. Not merely 'death,' but 'the funeral rites.' Cp. Od. 2. 20. 21 foll.

8. **crescam laude**, as 'secundis laboribus crevit,' 4. 4. 45.

recens, 'ever fresh,' not half-forgotten. Epp. 2. 1. 53 'Naevius in manibus non est et mentibus haeret Paene recens?'

dum Capitolium, &c., 'as long as Rome stands,' which to a Roman is as much as to say 'for ever.' The 'virgo' is doubtless

a vestal, the singular number probably having reference to the 'Virgo Maxima.' The special ceremony referred to is thought to be one which took place on the Ides of March, when prayers were offered in the temple of Jupiter Capitolinus for the salubrity of the coming year, and other rites were performed under the superintendence of the Pontifex Maximus and the Virgo Maxima, or chief of the Vestals.

10 foll. It is a question whether 'qua violens,' &c., qualifies 'dicar' ('many shall say of me on the banks of my native Aufidus, that I was the first,' &c.) or 'princeps deduxisse' ('I shall be spoken of as one who by the banks of Aufidus was the first,' &c.). The last is the more likely. Horace wishes his birthplace to be remembered in his own fame, 'longe sonantem natus ad Aufidum,' 4. 14. 2; but he is claiming world-wide fame, not merely to be remembered in his birthplace. There is a further question as to the construction of 'ex humili potens.' Most editors have taken it of Horace himself, 'raised from humility to glory,' comparing Epp. 1. 20. 20 'Me libertino natum patre et in tenui re Maiores pennas nido extendisse.' Bentley prefers to refer the words to Daunus, as describing his rise. The story made him an Illyrian exile, who became King of Apulia. If it be taken so, Horace must still be thinking of himself, and seeing a likeness of his own fortunes in those of Daunus.

10. **violens obstrepit**, 'longe sonans,' 'acer,' Sat. 1. 1. 58. Cp. Od. 4. 14. 25. The Aufidus is within ten miles of Venusia, and Horace must have seen it in flood. 'Like most of the rivers of Italy, it has much of the character of a mountain torrent,' Dict. Geog. For the absol. use of 'obstrepit' cp. Epod. 2. 27.

11. **pauper aquae**; Epod. 3. 16 'siticulosae Apuliae.'

12. **regnavit populorum**, a Greek gen. ἡρξέε λαῶν.

13. **Aeolium carmen**, &c., 'to have made the lyric poetry of Aeolia at home among Italian measures.' The use of 'deducere' seems akin to that of 'deducere coloniam.'

14. **superbiam**. The Muse who inspires is so identified with the poet that his pride and his merits are hers, though it is she that crowns him. Kiessling makes 'superbiam' abstr. for concr., the proud decoration, but this is unnecessary. For the use of 'sume' cp. Caes. B. G. 1. 33 'tantos sibi spiritus tantam arrogantiam sumpserat.'

15. **Delphica** = 'Apollinari,' Od. 4. 2. 9.

16. **volens**, 'of thy grace,' θέλουσα, ἐκούσα: it is common in prayer, but gen. with the addition 'propitiusque,' Liv. 7. 26. 4.

ODES. BOOK IV

ODE I

‘AGAIN a summons to arms, Venus! No, spare me; it is not with me in my tenth lustre as it was in the days of poor Cinara. Away, then, to the house of Paulus Maximus. High-born, and handsome, and eloquent, and accomplished, he will bear thy colours more worthily, and, when the victory is won, will pay thee richer honour. I am too old to love, to drink, to play. Yet what am I saying? my heart gives the lie to my words.’

On the meaning which this Ode acquires from its place at the beginning of this Book see *Introd. to Book iv.*

Metre—Third Asclepiad.

1. The language of this Ode answers to that of 3. 26, in which Horace declares his love-campaigns at an end. In both places the image is not of Venus attacking the heart of a lover, but of a warfare carried on with her weapons and under her auspices, in which the poet has once served, and is now called to serve again.

intermissa, sc. ‘bella.’

3. *non sum qualis*; cp. *Epp.* 1. 1. 4 ‘Non eadem est aetas, non mens.’

bonae. Perhaps, as Dill^r. thinks (quoting *Lucr.* 3. 1037 ‘bonus Ancus’), the epithet implies that she has been some time dead.

4. *sub regno*; see on *Od.* 1. 36. 8, and compare especially 3. 9. 9 ‘me nunc Thraessa Chloe regit,’ 2. 8. 18, 19 ‘servitus,’ ‘dominae.’

For *Cinara* see Appendix I ‘on the unknown names in the Odes.’

5. *mater saeva Cupidinum*. This line is intentionally repeated from 1. 19. 1. There Venus is invoked at the outset of the love campaign; here, after it was or should have been closed. It is the ἀρχετε βωκολικὰς and the λήγετε βωκολικὰς, the altered refrain of the whole. ‘Dulcium,’ ‘saeva,’ imply that he is balancing the bitters and sweets of the old life.

6. *circa*, of time, ‘hard upon my fiftieth year.’ The metaph. of ‘flectere’ is of breaking horses. He is too old and hard-mouthed now for the soft guidance of Venus’ rein. Cp. for the expressions *Virg. G.* 3. 188 ‘det mollibus ora capistris Invalidus,’ &c., and *ib.* 165 ‘Dum faciles animi iuvenum, dum mobilis aetas,’ &c.

8. **revocant**, 'call you back,' as to your proper place.

9. **tempestivius**, you will be a more timely guest there.

in domum. A rival reading with good support is 'in domo'; but her 'car of swans' implies that 'comissari' is used rather in the Greek sense of *κῶμος*, a moving band of revellers or serenaders (Theoc. 3. 1 *κωμάσδω ποτὶ τὰν Ἀμαρυλλίδα*), than in its more usual Latin sense of a stationary revel. The reading 'comissabere' is quite certain, but the unusual word makes great havoc among the copyists. Some of the best MSS. are at fault. 'Comis habere,' 'comitabere,' 'commutabere,' &c. For the future tense see on Od. 1. 6. 1.

10. **Pauli Maximi**. Two persons have been suggested as possibly intended; (1) Paulus Fabius Maximus, consul B.C. 11; (2) his son or nephew, Ovid's patron, an intimate of Augustus, who was consul twenty years afterwards. Of the two the second must be thought the most likely. 'Puer' could hardly be used even playfully of a man who must have been forty, and Ovid's description of the younger Paulus perhaps recalls the verses, Pont. 1. 2. 118 'Vox . . . tua . . . Auxilio trepidis quae solet esse reis.'

purpureis ales oloribus, 'on the wings of lustrous swans,' i. e. in a chariot drawn by them. Od. 3. 28. 15. For 'purpureis' see on 3. 3. 12 'purpureo ore,' Virg. Aen. 1. 590 'lumenque iuventae Purpureum.'

12. **iecur**; 1. 25. 15.

idoneum, perhaps another reminiscence of 3. 26. 1.

13. **decens**; 1. 4. 6.

14. 'No tongue-tied champion of trembling prisoners.' Cp. 2. 1. 13 'insigne maestis praesidium reis.'

15. **centum artium**, the descriptive genitive; Madv. § 287, with obs. 3. It seems to have been almost a proverbial expression. 'Omnium artium puerulos,' Cic. Rosc. Am. 41. 120.

17. **quandoque** = 'quandocumque.' Cp. Od. 4. 2. 34, A. P. 359.

potentior seems to some degree to continue the metaph. of 'militiae tuae.' 'So soon as he shall laugh triumphant over the presents of his open-handed rival.' His rival can give richer presents; Paulus fights and vanquishes him with arms which Venus lends him—beauty, youth, &c. 'Muneribus' is the ablative of comparison after 'potentior.'

19. **Albanos . . . lacus**, where Paulus, it is implied, had a villa. The title includes the Lago d'Albano and the Lago di Nemi.

20. **ponet marmoream**; cp. Sat. 2. 3. 183 'aeneus ut stes,' and the promise in Virg. E. 7. 31 'Si proprium hoc fuerit, levi de marmore tota . . . stabis.' *χαλκοῦν τιναῖ ἰστάναι* is an expression of Demosth., as Fals. Leg. 425. 1.

citrea. The 'citrus' is mentioned by Pliny (N. H. 13. 16) as much used in temples on account of the durability of the wood. What it was is not so certain; apparently some kind of cypress or cedar; certainly different from the citron.

22. It is difficult to be certain about either the reading or the

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exact meaning. The majority of the older MSS. have 'lyrae,' 'tibiae,' but V is with those which read 'lyra,' 'tibia.' In that case they are ablatives, constructed probably with 'delectabere,' though they also may be taken after 'mixtis.' Against the ablative, there is the unpleasantness, to our ears at least, of four verses out of five ending with a long 'a.' If we read 'ae,' there is still a question both of construction and sense. Are 'lyrae,' 'tibiae' genitives after 'carminibus,' 'mingled strains of harp and flute'; or datives, as Orelli thinks, after 'mixtis'? And in this last case does 'carminibus' mean the joint strains mingled, as we should rather say 'of' than 'with' the harp and flute, or are 'carmina' the voices of singers to be added to the instrumental music? More probably, perhaps, the former, as he is speaking now of the music at a sacrifice (Od. 1. 36. 1); the hymns of praise are mentioned in the next line. For the 'lyra' and 'tibia' see on Od. 1. 1. 32, 1. 12. 1, 3. 4. 1, Epod. 9. 5. 6.

24. *fistula* is the Gr. *σύριγξ* or Pan's pipe.

25. *bis die*, morning and evening.

28. *in morem Salium*; see on 1. 36. 12.

ter; see on 3. 18. 16.

30. 'The fond hope of finding a heart to answer mine.'

33. *cur*, 'Why, if all I have said is true?' Compare the unexpected turn of Od. 1. 26. 11.

34. *rara lacrima*; 1. 13. 6. For the fits of silence cp. Epod. 11. 9.

35. For the elision of the superfluous syllable cp. Od. 2. 3. 27, 3. 29. 35, 4. 2. 22.

40. *volubilis*, used of a river in Epp. 1. 2. 43. With the dream as a whole cp. Od. 3. 7. 25-28, 'gramine Martio,' 'Tusco alveo.'

ODE II

'As vain for any of us to imitate Pindar as to soar on wings of Icarus; Pindar rolls down strong and deep, as a river in flood, supreme alike in dithyrambs, hymns, *ἐπινίκια, θρῆνοι*. He soars on the winds, the swan of song; I fly from flower to flower, like the bee of my native Apulia, and roam from wood to wood gathering my little store of poetic honey. Some day, Antonius, when Caesar comes home, some greater poet, such as you, must sing his triumph—Caesar, the best and greatest gift which heaven ever gave to earth, even in the golden age, our joy at receiving him back, our games, our holiday. Even I may find a voice then amid the happy multitude. We will all shout and rejoice and offer incense; you will offer a lordly sacrifice, as befits you, I a home-bred calf.'

Julus Antonius was the son of Triumvir by Fulvia, and was educated by his step-mother Octavia. Through her protection he

was spared when his brother Marcus Antyllus was slain, and rose eventually to high favour with Augustus, and was married to Marcella, Octavia's daughter, after her divorce from Agrippa in B.C. 21. Horace's Ode is the only ancient authority for his having been a poet ; but the Pseudo-Acron vouches for his having written an excellent Epic poem in twelve Books, called the *Diomedea*, some years afterwards. He was made praetor in B.C. 13, and consul in B.C. 10. In B.C. 2 he was condemned to death on the charge of adulterous intercourse with Julia.

On the bearing of the Ode in its place see *Introd. to Book iv.* The exact date of composition is less certain. It may have been written in the year of Augustus' return (B.C. 13) or in anticipation of it at any time after the submission of the Sygambri. Franke thinks that the omission of reference to the successes of Tiberius and Drusus makes it improbable that it was written after the year 15 ; others see in v. 49 (see note) a reference to the Praetorship of Antonius, i.e. to B.C. 13.

With the form of the Ode, refusing praise in word, yet granting it in the act of refusal both directly and indirectly, comp. 1. 6, and 1. 12.

2. *Iule*. The use of the praenomen was a mark of familiarity (*Sat.* 2. 5. 32) which Horace would be likely to avoid. In this case, however, it would be felt as a compliment, as the name (not properly a 'praenomen,' but family names were used as praenomina at this date ; cp. 'Paulus' in the last Ode) had been given him (possibly by Octavia) to mark the connexion of his family with the Julian house, through his grandmother Julia, the mother of Marc Antony. In v. 26 we have the gentile name alone.

ope Daedalea, with 'ceratis,' or perhaps with the whole 'ceratis nititur pennis,' 'he has got some Daedalus to help him.' Probably, as Ritter thinks, there is in the expression the idea of the audacity of the enterprise ('Expertus vacuum Daedalus aera Pennis non homini datis' 1. 3. 34), as well as its danger.

3. *nititur* ; *Virg. Aen.* 4. 252 'paribus nitens Cyllenius alis.'

4. *nomina*, for plural cp. 3. 27. 76. Compare with the stanza the way in which Horace speaks of the enterprise when it is undertaken by a friend, not offered to himself, *Epp.* 1. 3. 10 [Titius] 'Pindarici fontis qui non expalluit haustus, Fastidire lacus et rivos ausus apertos.'

7, 8. 'Boils and rushes in a flood of deep-mouthed utterance.' As so often in Horace, the interpretation of the simile is clothed still in language almost wholly metaphorical and borrowed from the simile itself, see on *Od.* 1. 35. 19, 2. 2. 1, 4. 4. 59. 'Ore' belongs more to the poet than to the river, 'profundo ore' being the analogue of 'ore rotundo,' *A. P.* 323, 'magno ore,' *Virg. G.* 3. 294, of varieties of poetical style. The epithet, on the contrary, belongs primarily to the river, and even 'ore' is a word which was probably felt to be capable of an interpretation in the same connexion, though

neither 'fountain-head' (Virg. Aen. i. 245) nor 'mouth' (Virg. G. 4. 292) is a meaning which would bear pressing here.

10. *audaces* covers, probably, boldness of treatment and of tropes, besides the two points afterwards named—vocabulary and rhythm.

nova verba, novel words, long compounds. τῶν δ' ὀνομάτων τὰ μὲν διπλὰ μάλιστα ἀρμόττει τοῖς διθυράμβοις, Arist. Poet. 22. 14.

11. *devolvit*, as the torrent rolls boulders down its bed.

12. *lege solutis*. Two technical expressions possibly contribute to the full force of this phrase: (1) 'legibus solutus,' said of any one exempted from the operation of any law (Cic. Phil. 2. 13. 31), in later times of the emperor as above the laws (Merivale, vol. iii, p. 466); (2) 'soluta oratio,' the common designation of prose, as exempt from strict laws of prosody; so that the words of the text form a sort of oxymoron, 'verse which is as free of law as if it were not verse.'

13. *regesque*. The kings, as the following words explain, of mythology — Pirithous, Theseus, Bellerophon, not the kings of Pindar's day. He is speaking of Hymns and Paeans. 'Que' is the reading of all the best MSS. as against the vulg. 've,' and the change would hardly be necessary, even if it were clear that Pindar's Odes on the mythical exploits of demigods were classed under a different name from those addressed to gods. Horace might rank them together.

17. *Elea palma*. The Olympian Odes are taken as representatives of the ἐπινίκια.

18. *caelestis*, 'very denizens of heaven'; see on i. i. 6 'terrarum dominos evehit ad deos.'

equum, as Pindar makes mention of Phereñicus, Hiero's horse, Ol. i. 18, Pyth. 3. 74; but singing of horses may well mean of their riders.

19. *potiore signis*. Pindar makes the comparison himself, Nem. 5. i οὐκ ἀνδριαντοποιός εἰμι . . . ἀλλὰ γλυκεῖ' ἀοιδὰ στείχ' ἀπ' Αἰγίνας, κτλ.; so Horace, Od. 3. 30. i, 4. 8. i-12.

21. *flebili*, 'tearful,' as 'flebilis Ino,' A. P. 123.

ve varies the 'sive,' 'sive,' of the last two stanzas, although he is adding a fresh department of poetry, viz. the θρῆνοι. Cp. i. 22. 5-7 'sive . . . sive . . . vel.'

22, 23. For the elision at the end of the verses cp. 2. 2. 18, 2. 16. 34, C. S. 47, and Index of Metres, § 3.

23. *aureos* is predicative, 'as all golden'; cp. i. 5. 9. The double contrast of the bright stars above, the gloomy shades below, is indicated by the verb 'educit,' on one side, by the adjective 'nigro' on the other.

educit in astra, as 'Musa vetat mori: Caelo Musa beat,' 4. 8. 28, of immortality in fame.

25. *multa aura*; there is no fear of *his* falling; the free and buoyant winds of heaven are beneath him as he soars into the upper air. Horace contrasts Pindar's higher flights and original

inspiration with his own humble aims and laborious imitative method, 'gathering honey from flower to flower of Greek lyrics, and enshrining it in the "curiosa felicitas" of his own poetical style'; in v. 30, 'circa nemus . . . Tiburis,' we get a slightly different idea, 'from wood to wood of his Sabine neighbourhood.' The simile was introduced to express the difference in genius and literary habits between Pindar and Horace, but it suggests to the poet his own wanderings in the valley of the Anio. The Matine bee (save in its antitype, the poet of Venusia) has no business at Tibur.

Dircaeum; Virg. E. 2. 24 'Amphion Dircaeus' = 'Theban'; but a 'spring' will be specially germane to a 'swan.'

26. **Antoni**. As Orelli points out, the name is repeated to mark the summing up and the practical conclusion. 'You know, Antonius, the difference between Pindar's powers and mine. You will treat this high theme yourself better than I can.'

27. **Matinae**; see Introd. to I. 28.

28. **more modoque**, a common formula. Cicero's fragment, Timaeus, seu de Univers. I 'Carneadeo more et modo.'

30. **plurimum**, probably with 'laborem,' and with a slight relation of antithesis, as its position shows, to 'grata.' Dill^{r.}, after Bentley, joins 'plurimum nemus'; but the epithet would not be very forcible (Bentley wished to escape from it to 'floreum'), and 'nemus ripasque uidi Tiburis' is a thoroughly Horatian arrangement.

uidi; I. 7. 14, 3. 29. 6.

31. **operosa parvus** . . . **tingo**, probably not without some reference back to the first description of Pindar's poetry, its vast spontaneous rush, 'immensus ruit profundo ore.'

33. **concines**. We should rather expect an emphatic 'tu.' Cp. 2. 17. 30, 3. 17. 5. The 'ego . . . parvus' of the last stanzas contrasts not only with Pindar before, but with Antonius, 'maiore plectro,' who follows. We may note, also, that part of the contrast lies in the occasion. '*Not now*, neither you nor I. By and by, whenever it is that Caesar comes home in triumph, a greater poet than I shall sing his praises, and even I (v. 45) shall find a voice in my delight.' 'Maiore plectro' occupies a double relation, as instrumental ablative with 'concines,' and descriptive ablative with 'poeta'; see on I. 3. 6. With the expression itself cp. 'leviore plectro,' 2. 1. 40, 'aureo plectro,' 2. 13. 26.

34. **quandoque** = 'quandocumque'; see 4. I. 17, A. P. 359.

35. **per sacrum clivum**; see on Epod. 7. 7 'Britannus ut descenderet Sacra catenatus via.' Cp. Mart. 1. 71. 5. The name was given to the slope by which the 'Sacra via' descended, from the spot where its pavement is still visible under the Arch of Titus, into the Forum, a fall of 53 feet.

36. **Sygambros**; see Introd. to the Book.

37. Cp. Epp. 2. 1. 17 (of Augustus) 'Nil oriturum alias, nil ortum tale fatentes.'

42. *publicum ludum*. The technical and usual phrase would be 'ludos,' but Horace varies it slightly, after his custom; 2. 4. 24, 3. 5. 42, 4. 14. 1, 4. 15. 9.

super impetrato . . . reditu, in discharge of the vows for his return, which have won their purpose. Orelli mentions the fact that coins have been found of the year B. C. 16 (A. U. C. 738) with the inscription S.P.Q.R.V.S. (vota suscepta) PRO S. (salute) ET RED. AUG. The 'ludi votivi' here anticipated were really celebrated in B. C. 13; Dion 54. 27.

45. *audiendum*, 'that merits hearing.' Horace is speaking, at the moment; not of shouting with the shouting mob, but of singing, i. e. writing poetry; but there is probably a metaphorical play in the expression, 'if I can make my voice heard in the din.'

46. *bona pars*; Sat. 1. 1. 61, A. P. 297; so 'bona copia,' Epp. 1. 18. 109: 'a large part'; i. e. I will raise my voice ungrudgingly.

48. *felix*, 'in my delight.'

49 foll. The difficulties of this stanza are well known, and no solution of them is thoroughly satisfactory. The reading of the text is that of the great preponderance of good authorities. 'Tuque' is found in some MSS. of secondary value, and adopted by Ritter: 'procedit' is found in the Berne MS. having been proposed, in ignorance of that fact, by Heinsius, and supported by Bentley. To whom does the pronoun refer? Two answers have been given:—

(1) That of the Scholiasts, '*ad ipsum triumphum conversus haec dicit*': 'Thy name will we pronounce as thy procession passes, Ho Triumph! again and again, Ho Triumph!' For 'io Triumphé,' as the cry raised as the procession passed along, cp. *inter al.* Ov. Trist. 4. 2. 51 'Tempora Phoebea lauro cingentur, Ioque, Miles, Io, magna voce, Triumphé, canent.' That it was held to involve a personification of Triumphus, appears from Livy's expression 45. 38 '[Milites] triumphum nomine cient, suasque et imperatoris laudem canentes per urbem incedunt.' But compare especially Hor. Epod. 9. 21 foll. 'Io Triumphé, tu moraris aureos Currus et intactas boves? Io Triumphé, nec Iugurthino parem Bello reportasti ducem,' &c.; see note there. The objection to this is the reference of 'te,' in the same emphatic place in two consecutive stanzas to two different subjects. It would be a blot in any writing, and it interferes with the antithesis between Antonius and Horace which gives their framework to these stanzas.

(2) *To Antonius*. (a) Those who feel this to be the only possible answer generally accept the slightly supported 'tu.' 'Procedis' is then interpreted either (as by Ritter and Keller) of Antonius taking part in the triumphal procession as 'praetor' in the year 13, or more generally (as Schütz, Nauck) after 'prodeat' in the similar passage 3. 14. 6, of taking a prominent place. (b) If 'te' is retained, the only way (and it seems not impossible) is to suppose that it anticipates the 'te' of the next stanza, the intervening words being parenthetical, a picture suggested by the words 'dum procedis.' In that case 'procedit' would be an improvement. Bentley, dis-

satisfied (and it must be admitted, after all, with some reason) with all the interpretations offered, cuts the knot by reading 'Isque dum procedit,' of Caesar.

51. *civitas omnis*. 'We will shout together in the shouting town, but when we come to offer our thank-offerings, we shall be as unequal as we were in our poetical offering, ten bulls and cows for you, and a little calf for me.'

dabimus tura, of altars by the wayside, on which incense was offered as the procession passed.

53. *te decem tauri*; cp. 2. 17. 30 'reddere victimas Aedemque votivam memento: Nos humilem feriemus agnam,' and 3. 23.

54. *solvēt*, sc. 'a voto.'

55. *iuvenescit*, is growing to a 'iuvenus'; the common use of the verb is 'to grow young,' when one has been old.

56. *in mea vota*, 'to pay my vow.'

57. 'Whose horns are like the moon three days old.' The homely ending of the Ode has been severely criticized. It is at least intentional on Horace's part; see *Introd. to Odes i-iii*, § 11. 3, and on 3. 5. 55. On the immediate topic of the last six lines see on 3. 13. 4. In this place the detailed account of the intended offering increases the contrast of vv. 53, 54, and balances to some extent the inequality. 'You will sacrifice animals brought by the score from your "latifundia," I the calf which I bred myself, whose birthday and marks I know by heart.' It is like his offer to Maecenas in 1. 20. 1-4 q. v. 'common wine; but home-made, carefully stored, and with pleasant memories about it.'

59. Perhaps from the horse in *Hom. Il.* 23. 454 Ὅς τὸ μὲν ἄλλο τόσον φοῖνιξ ἦν, ἐν δὲ μετώπῳ | λευκὸν σῆμ' ἐτέτυκτο.

niveus videri, a Grecism; see *App.* 2, § 2.

ODE III

'THE poet is one set apart from his birth by the Muse's favour; neither his mode of life nor his objects of ambition are the same as other men's. For *them* are the training and the prizes of Grecian games—the life of a soldier and the triumph on the Capitol; for *him* the woods and waters of Tibur and the glory of song. I, too, am a poet. Rome, the mistress of the world, acknowledges me as such, and the voice of envy is still. It is thy gift, O Muse; both the inspiration and the popular acknowledgment of it.'

Compare with the Ode 1. 1, when he looks to Maecenas' taste to give him the rank which here he assumes as given him by the voice of Rome. There are many parallelisms of thought and expression between the two Odes; there is the same division of the objects of Greek and Roman ambition ('sunt quos curriculo

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pulverem Olympicum'), the same description of the poet's life (v. 30 'me gelidum nemus,' &c.), and of his hope to be ranked with the Greek lyrists (cp. 'Lesboum . . . barbiton,' 'lyricis vatibus inseris,' with 'inter amabilis vatum ponere me chorus,' 'Romanae fidicen lyrae').

Metre—*Third Asclepiad*.

1. Melpomene; 3. 30. 16.

semel, of that which cannot be recalled and need not be repeated. Cp. 1. 24. 16, C. S. 26.

2. nascentem . . . videris; Hes. Theog. 82 ὄντινα τιμήσουσι Διὸς κοῦραι μέγαλοιο | γεινόμενόν τ' ἐσίδωσι . . . | τῷ μὲν ἐπὶ γλώσση γλυκερὴν χεῖουσιν αἰοιδῆν.

3. labor Isthmius, as in Pindar κάματος and πόνος. Statius imitates it in Silv. 4. 4. 31 'Elei labores.'

4. clarabit, a rare and archaic word, not found elsewhere in this sense of 'make famous.'

5. ducet, not in the race, but rather (with 'victorem') in the triumphal procession. The double picture is completed in Horace's way: the chariot of the Roman 'imperator' must be borrowed from the Grecian victor, the olive wreath of the latter from the bay crown of the former.

Achaico is opposed to the Roman triumphal chariot described in the following lines. Virgil and Horace (Od. 1. 15. 35) use the word, like the Homeric Ἀχαιοί, generally of the Greeks before Troy; and this would nearly coincide with its prose meaning in their time, as the province of Achaia included all southern Greece.

6. res bellica, opposed to 'res ludicra,' 'war and all that belongs to it'; its enterprises and victories.

Deliis, i. e. 'Apollineis.'

8. Cp. 2. 12. 11 'ductaque per vias Regum colla minacium.'

9. Capitolio, dative case. The notion is of his being the central figure in the procession seen slowly ascending the Capitol, seen by the crowd on the Capitol, or perhaps rather by Jupiter Capitolinus himself.

10. praefluunt = 'praeterfluunt'; 4. 14. 25 'Aufidus Qui regna Dauni praefluit Apuli,' Liv. 1. 45 'infima valle praefluit Tiberis.' 'Horace evidently means that the scenery of Tibur contributes to the formation of lyric genius. It is Wordsworth's doctrine in the germ; though, if the author had been asked what it involved, perhaps he would not have gone further than Ritter, who resolves it all into the conduciveness of a pleasant retreat to successful composition,' Conington. Cp. Epp. 2. 2. 77 'Scriptorum chorus omnis amat nemus et fugit urbem,' where nothing but the prosaic explanation is attempted—the bustle and the business of a great town interfere with the poet's proper work.

12. Aeolio; 2. 13. 24, 3. 30. 13, 4. 9. 12.

13. principis urbium; 4. 14. 44 'dominae Romae.'

14. suboles, the sons of Rome. The idea added by this form is

apparently the promise of the future: the young, the growing progeny.

15. *vatum*, like the 'lyrici vates' of I. I. 35, the roll of poets, which as yet contained few, if any, but the Greeks.

17. *testudinis aureae*; Pind. Pyth. I. 1 χρυσέα φόρμιγξ Ἀπόλλωνος καὶ ἰοπλοκάμων | σύνδικον Μοισᾶν κτέανον. As with 'aureo plectro,' 2. 13. 26, it is a way of expressing the perfection of the music.

18. *temperas*, 'rulest'; I. 24. 14 'auditam moderere arboribus fidem.'

19. *mutis quoque piscibus*, and so even to him, unlikely as it might have seemed. Compare the way in which in the preceding Ode he professed to feel that, unfit as he was to sing of such themes, yet the happiness of Caesar's return might possibly find him a voice.

22. *monstror digito*; cp. Pers. I. 28 'At pulchrum est digito monstrari et dicier, hic est.'

23. *Romanae lyrae*; see on I. I. 34, I. 32. 3, a Greek instrument played by a Roman. Cp. Epp. I. 19. 32 'Latinus fidicen.'

24. *spiro*, of the 'breath' of poetry; see on 2. 16. 38.

ODE IV

'LIKE a young eagle that leaves the nest, tries his wings, then swoops down, first on sheep-folds, but soon on more dangerous foes;—like a young lion to the eyes of the unsuspecting hind, who is to be the first victim of his unfleshed tooth;—such has Drusus been in his campaign in Vindelicia—noble by inherited excellence, noble also by his royal rearing. Rome's gratitude to the house of the Neros is summed up in the memory of Metaurus, the turning-point of the terrible Punic War, when Hasdrubal was routed, and the traces of war vanished, and Hannibal himself bore witness to Rome's vitality. "It is madness for us to pursue our enemy; more than enough if we can escape their pursuit. From the fires of their native Troy, from the hardships of the long voyage to Italy, they have but drawn strength and stubbornness, like the oak on Algidus which the woodman lops, or the hydra ever growing again to baffle the patience of Hercules. All hope is gone for ever, and buried with Hasdrubal." And the conqueror was an ancestor of the Neros. Jupiter protects the race, and Augustus directs their campaigns. What may we not expect from their arms?'

Drusus Claudius Nero, the younger of the two sons of Livia Drusilla, by her first husband, Tiberius Claudius Nero, was born in Augustus' house, B.C. 38, three months after his mother's divorce and remarriage. He was by far the most popular of the two brothers. In B.C. 16, when Augustus set out for Gaul, taking with him Tiberius, who was praetor at the time, Drusus was appointed

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to discharge the duties of the office during his brother's absence (Dion 54. 19). Of his expedition in the following year against the Raeti, some account will be found in the Introd. to Book iv. He died, six years afterwards, from the effect of a fall from his horse, while engaged in the last of three campaigns beyond the Rhine, which gained for him the posthumous title of Germanicus.

1. **qualem**, so v. 13 'qualemve'; the apodosis is in v. 17, 'talem' being suppressed. The purpose of the two similes is different: the first describes the birth and training of the young warrior prince, the second the astonishment of the enemy when they saw him, and knew instinctively that they were to be the first victims of his maiden sword.

ministrum fulminis; Stat. Theb. 3. 507 'vector fulminis.'

2. **regnum in avis**; Pind. Pyth. 1. 7 ἀρχὸς οἰωνῶν, Ol. 13. 21 οἰωνῶν βασιλέα, and Aesch. Agam. 115 οἰωνῶν βασιλεὺς βασιλεῦσι νεῶν. For the construction cp. Od. 3. 1. 6 'imperium in reges.'

vagas, ἡεροφοίτους, 'fowls of the air'; perhaps with the feeling of 'truant,' 'wide wandering,'—of the extent and the difficulty of the sovereignty.

3. 'Having proved his loyalty on Ganymede'; 'quem praepes ab Ida Sublimem pedibus rapuit Iovis armiger uncis,' Virg. Aen. 5. 254. For the use of 'in' cp. Virg. E. 8. 83, Aen. 2. 541, 'Talis in hoste fuit Priamo,' Madv. § 230, obs. 1.

5. **olim** seems to answer to 'iam,' 'mox,' 'nunc,' which mark stages in the young bird's progress; so that it will mean πάλαι, 'long ago,' and is defined by 'laborum inscium,' 'ere yet he knew life's labours.' It is otherwise taken as merely generalizing—αἰετόν τινα, ποτέ; see on Epod. 3. 1.

iuventas et patrius vigor, 'his young blood and the force of his race.'

6. **propulit**. The time of the perfect tenses is that of the Greek aorist in similes.

7. **verni**. Bentley feels strongly the objection raised by Jul. Caes. Scaliger, that eaglets are not hatched till late in the spring, and would not be fit to fly far till autumn. He prefers 'vernīs,' which has good MS. support, and which he judges to have been the reading of Acron, from his illustration 'ut *ruit imbriferum ver*.' Probably 'nimbis remotis' is enough to account for the Scholiast's quotation; the sound and balance of the sentence are in favour of 'verni.' We need not expect Horace to date the eaglet's growth with the accuracy of an ornithologist. He is more likely to use the epithet 'vernus' in a pleasing sense of the soft breezes, than in association merely with storms. 'Verni' need not mean the first days of spring, nor is the eaglet said yet to be fit for hunting; it is of the first stage in the art of flying. For a conj. alteration of Horace's text on somewhat similar grounds see I. 23. 5.

10. **vividus impetus**, of the actual rush, swoop, of his descent;

'demittit impetus aquilam' = 'aquila cum impetu defertur.' It has also been taken of his impetuous temper; but it suits Horace's economy of words, that the motive in this clause should be gathered from the 'amor dapis atque pugnae' (a dainty banquet, *with* the excitement of fighting for it) of the second clause, the mode of attack in that clause from the 'vividus impetus' of this, as the unresisting weakness of the sheep is left to be inferred from the epithet given to the serpents. See on 2. 3. 9, 3. 4. 45, 3. 13. 6, 4. 3. 5.

11. **dracones.** For the favourite image of a battle between an eagle and a serpent cp. Hom. Il. 12. 200 foll., Aesch. Cho. 247 foll., Soph. Ant. 125.

14. **fulvae matris ab ubere.** Some awkwardness has been felt in this expression, as, if we construct it with 'depulsum,' either 'ab ubere' or 'lacte' would seem to be redundant (cp. Virg. E. 7. 17 'depulsos a lacte,' G. 3. 187 'depulsus ab ubere matris'), and various modes of treatment have been suggested. 'Ubere' has been taken as an epithet of 'lacte,' but this is to transfer the redundancy from the expression to the thought; or, again, 'fulvae matris ab ubere' has been referred to the hind (Ritter), but it is hard to see how this adds to the picture; the youth of the lion is in point, and the pre-occupation of the hind, but we do not want in any way to undervalue Drusus' foes. Bentley led the way of conjectural emendation, 'iam mane' or 'iam sponte,' and has been followed by many others. The simplest method is to separate 'ab ubere' to some extent from 'depulsum,' and to take it in the sense of 'fresh from his mother's teats.' Cp. 'a matre pulli,' Columel., 'recens a vulnere,' Virg. Aen. 6. 450; the place of Virgil's 'recens' is supplied by the more definite 'lacte depulsum.'

16. **peritura vidit,** 'looks up and sees, a moment before she dies by his unfleshed tooth.' The repetition 'vidit,' 'videre,' points the correspondence, and makes it easier to dispense with a more formal introduction of the apodosis; see on 2. 9. 9.

17. **Raeti . . . Vindelici.** It is hard to say which is the adjective. Geographically Raeti is the larger name of the two, being used to cover Vindelicia (Raetia secunda), i. e. the northern slopes of the Alps from the Lake of Constance to the Inn, as well as Raetia prima, the southern part of the Grisons and the western Tyrol. Horace is supported by Dion 54. 22, in giving the common name of Raeti to the tribes which Tiberius (Od. 4. 14. 14) and Drusus conquered. But it is certainly a perversion of the ordinary usage to assign the Vindelici, both here and in 4. 14, to the invader who approached from the south. The geographical difficulty is unaffected by the question of reading raised by Heinsius, Bentley, and others, as whether we read 'Raetis' or 'Raeti,' the two names will still be given to one locality, and that the scene of Drusus' victory. All the MSS. and Acr. are in favour of the nominative. The ablative, distributing the two names between the mountains and the people, would be more in accordance with Horace's style, and it

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would avoid the awkwardness, however it be explained, of the double designation.

18-22. *quibus . . . sed.* The digression is intended to elevate Drusus' victory, by suggesting an immemorial and legendary antiquity for his enemies. Its prosaic introduction, contrasting awkwardly with the smooth finish of Horace's style, is an intentional, if not very successful, imitation of Pindar. Cp. a slighter instance in 3. 4. 69. Many critics (Lambinus, Buttman, Meineke, amongst them) have been tempted, by the fact that their excision would cause little or no disturbance of the metre, to condemn the lines as an interpolation, supposing the sentence to have run '*Vindelici diu*' or '*Vindelici et diu.*' But the faults of the verses are such as the poet is much more likely to have been guilty of than an imitator. They formed part of the text in the time of Servius (on Virg. *Aen.* 1. 243).

19. *per omne tempus*, 'through all time,' historically.

20. *Amazonia*, such as the Amazons used; '*securigerae puellae*,' Ov. *Her.* 4. 117. Horace would suggest apparently in this word that there is some mythical reason for their carrying the weapon. There need not have been any definite legend, such as Porph. imagines, that they had fought with the Amazons, or as Servius, that they traced their descent to them.

22. The termination of the digression in a moral saying, with a rapid return to the straight course of the narrative, is after Pindar. '*Sed*,' like δ' οὖν in the Greek tragedians, implies a return to the thread of the story, 'however that may be.'

24. *revictae*, 'conquered in their turn,' answering to '*victrices*.'

25. *mens*, rather of the intellect; *indoles* of the temper and dispositions: *rite*, *faustis*, *penetralibus*, are all words with religious associations. The editors are divided on the question whether the sentence should be stopped, as in the text, the construction being '*quid mens rite nutrita . . . quid indoles rite nutrita . . . posset*'; or with the comma after '*mens*,' so that the construction would be '*quid mens posset, quid indoles rite nutrita*,' &c., a distinction being made between their mental gifts, which were all their own, and their dispositions, which needed the good training of Augustus. Sense, rhythm, and the balance of the verse are alike in favour of the former. For '*posset*,' '*nutrita*,' with two subjects, see on 1. 3. 10.

29. *fortibus et bonis*, the ablative with '*creantur*,' as with '*nasci*,' &c. '*Fortis et bonus*' is almost a formula; Epp. 1. 9. 13 '*et fortem crede bonumque*.' Ritter draws attention to the conjunction '*Nerones fortes*,' &c., as meaning, 'remember they were Neros to begin with,' the name Nero being, according to Suetonius (Tib. 1), a Sabine adjective signifying '*fortis ac strenuus*.' Notice also that '*Nerones*' is the climax—Augustus' care, care fatherly, care spent on such a good stock. The thought is, 'It is true that scions of a good stock must be good in men as well as in animals, but yet education improves the native gift.' Bentley points out

that a misunderstanding of the first line of the stanza (as though the point was that given good children you may be sure they had good parents, instead of, as it is, that given good parents you may be sure of good children) led to the false punctuation of many MSS. and editions, which put a comma after 'fortibus'; so that 'bonis' becomes an epithet of 'iuvenis,' and the sentiment of v. 30, instead of being general, 'good blood tells in bullocks and in horses,' is narrowed to 'good bullocks and horses owe their good qualities to their sires.' As Bentley observes, if this were right, the eagles and the doves ought to change cases, for the important fact then would be that a dove did not breed eagles, not that eagles did not breed doves.

30. *est*, 'survives,' is something real.

35, 36. When there is a collapse of public manners (so that good education becomes impossible), good birth is no protection against the taint.

35. *utcumque* = 'simulac'; see on I. 17. 10.

38. *Metaurum flumen*, as 'flumen Rhenum,' A. P. 18. The battle of the Metaurus (a river of Umbria) was fought in B.C. 207, by the consuls C. Claudius Nero and M. Livius Salinator (both ancestors of Drusus, one through his father, the other through his mother, Livia), against Hasdrubal, who was bringing reinforcements to his brother Hannibal; Liv. 27. 45 foll.

39. *pulcher dies*; 4. 2. 46 'O Sol pulcher!' The daylight is at once literal and metaphorical.

41. *qui primus*, the first day of brightness and victory since Hannibal began his campaign in Italy. There might have been victories before, as that of Nola gained by M. Claudius Marcellus in B.C. 215; but this was the first decisive victory, the turning-point of the war. Appian (p. 344, *De Bell. Annib.*) speaks of it as *ἰσοστάσιον* [τῇ ἐπὶ Κάρναϊς ἀτυχίᾳ].

adorea. The recognized meaning of 'adorea,' was 'glory won in war,' and it was derived from 'ador' = 'corn.' 'Gloriam . . . a farris honore adoream appellabant,' Plin. N. H. 18. 3. The original connexion is more doubtful. Pliny explains it of the donative of corn given to the soldiers after a victory, N. H. 2. 18. Festus, s. v., refers it, like such words as 'pecunia,' to an agricultural age: 'adoream laudem sive gloriam dicebant quia gloriosum eum putabant esse qui farris copia abundaret.' Servius on Virg. Aen. 10. 677, has a still wilder derivation for it, from 'adoro.'

42. *dirus*; see on 2. 12. 2.

ut, 'ever since,' as in Epod. 7. 19, Cic. Brut. 5. 19 'ut illos libros edidisti nihil a te postea accepimus.'

43. *ceu*. This is the only place where this word is used by Horace. The images are of the speed and victoriousness of Hannibal's progress: 'like fire through a pine-forest, or the east wind sweeping the Sicilian sea.'

44. *Siculas*; see on 2. 12. 2. Horace may be referring to his own experience (see 3. 4. 28), but it is also possible that both the

'Sicilian' waters and the metaph. of 'equitavit' are due to Eur. Phoen. 209 περιρρύτων | ὑπὲρ ἀκαρπίστων πεδίων | Σικελίας Ζεφύρου πνοαῖς | ἱππεύσαντος, κτλ. In its simple sense, and as a matter of construction, the verb belongs to Hannibal; metaphorically and with a zeugma, it supplies also the verb of 'flamma' and 'Eurus.'

45. *secundis laboribus crevit*, 'grew ever more and more successful in its enterprises'; the ablative as in 3. 30. 8 '*crescam laude*.'

46. *impio*, because they affronted Roman gods.

47. *Poenorum tumultu*. A 'tumultus' was a sudden and dangerous war on or within the borders, usually a Gallic or Italian one. Cicero explains its nature in Phil. 8. 1. 3. Cp. especially, 'Itaque maiores nostri tumultum Italicum, quod erat domesticus, tumultum Gallicum, quod erat Italiae finitimus, praeterea nullum nominabant.' The expression, then, in the text is almost an oxymoron, 'a war with Carthaginians, but yet a war in our own borders.'

48. *deos rectos*, of the images thrown down by Hannibal, and now set on their pedestals again.

49. The speech of Hannibal is founded on the saying actually attributed to him by Livy on learning of Hasdrubal's defeat and death: 'tanto simul publico familiarique ictus luctu, agnoscere se fortunam Carthaginis fertur dixisse,' Liv. 27. 51.

perfidus. It was the stock charge against him. Livy speaks of his '*perfidia plus quam Punica*,' 21. 4.

51. *ultro*, aggressively, needlessly.

opimus triumphus, 'a rare triumph,' a phrase coined by Horace to the model of '*spolia opima*.'

53. *gens*. 'These armies that we have been provoking are to us as wolves to deer. Remember the story and character of the Roman people generally.' The stanza is a *résumé* of the story of the Aeneid. Cp. especially Aen. 1. 1-7, 67, 68.

cremato fortis ab Ilío. Grammatically 'ab Ilío' answers to 'ad urbes Ausonias,' and 'fortis' qualifies 'pertulit'; but the collocation which pairs 'fortis' with 'cremato,' and makes 'ab Ilío' follow closely and apparently depend on 'fortis' ('stepping forth in strength from the ashes of Ilium'), is meant to suggest the idea of the next stanza, that their very calamities only gave them fresh heart and vigour. They rise like the Phoenix from its pyre. Vv. 53, 54 contrast the perils of fire and of water.

54. *iactata*, probably agreeing with 'gens,' 'for all their tossing on the Tuscan sea.' 'Multum ille et terris iactatus et alto,' Virg. Aen. 1. 3.

sacra; Virg. Aen. 1. 68, 2. 293.

56. *pertulit*, of perseverance through difficulty, and of success.

57. *duris*; see on 3. 11. 31, Epod. 5. 30.

58. *nigrae*; 1. 21. 9. See there also for *M^t. Algidus*: its holm-oaks are celebrated in 3. 23. 10.

feraci frondis, as '*fecunda culpa saecula*,' 3. 6. 17; cp. C. S. 19.

59, 60. The subject of 'ducit' is 'gens,' but here, as commonly in Horace (see on 1. 35. 19, 2. 2. 1, 4. 2. 7), the interpretation cannot shake itself clear of the language of the allegory. 'For every bough it loses, for every cut the knife gives, aye, from the very edge of the steel itself, it draws fresh power and spirit.' 'Opes' and 'animus,' or 'animi,' were joined in this way almost proverbially, Virg. Aen. 2. 799, Caes. B. G. 7. 76.

61. The stanza has been pronounced an interpolation by Meineke and other critics, on the ground of its introduction of mythological lore, which seemed to them frigid, and such as we find rather in Propertius and in the Alexandrine poets. Horace possibly had in mind the saying of Pyrrhus recorded by Florus, 1. 18 'Video me (inquit) plane Herculis sidere procreatum, cui quasi ab angue Lernaeco tot caesa hostium capita de sanguine suo renascantur.'

firmior. The adjective is more appropriate to the resolution of the Roman people, and the firm front of their legions, than to the hydra; but, in reference to it, it would seem to be antithetical to 'secto corpore,' and to mean 'sounder'; when he slashed its body it faced him in a moment entire as before.

62. **vinci dolentem**, 'chafing at the foil,' Conington. It is the measure of the unexpected persistence of the foe.

63. **monstrum**, of the armed warriors that sprang from the dragon's teeth, sown by Jason in the furrows which the fire-breathing bulls had ploughed (Ov. Met. 7. 121 foll.), or by Cadmus at Thebes (Ov. Met. 3. 24 foll.). So new soldiers seem to spring from the earth for Rome.

submisere; Lucr. 1. 8 'tellus submittit flores.'

Colchi, of the country, as 'Sabini,' 3. 4. 21, &c.

64. **Echioniae**, in reference to the particular story, for Echion was one of the five of the Sparti who survived the mutual slaughter; Ov. Met. 3. 126.

65. **merses**, 'plunge it if you will.' For the construction cp. Epp. 1. 10. 24. Many of the good MSS. (including B) have the corruption 'mersus,' which, as Bentley points out, is impossible, since 'gens' must be the subject. Ritter thinks this line and the next have a definite historical reference to the disasters of the Romans by sea in the First Punic War, and on land in the Second, and their subsequent recovery in each case. With the thoughts of the stanza compare the sayings attributed to Hannibal by Livy (27. 14), 'cum eo nimirum hoste res est qui nec bonam nec malam ferre fortunam potest. Seu vicit, ferociter instat victis: seu victus est instaurat cum victoribus certamen,' and by Justin. 31. 6 'cum Romano seu occupaveris prior aliqua seu viceris tamen etiam cum victo et iacente luctandum esse.'

66. **multa cum laude**, 'amid loud applause,' of a feat in a wrestling match. It is also taken with 'integrum,' 'with all his laurels.'

integrum, 'fresh,' 'with all his powers unbroken.' We have to understand from 'integrum victorem,' that the subject of the sentence, on the contrary, has just been thrown.

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68. *coniugibus loquenda*. It is hard to say whether this is to be taken of their own wives, 'for their wives to tell of,' i. e. in pride; or of the Carthaginians' wives, 'which only wives will live to tell of,' the husbands being all slain. The latter gives a more definite climax to the stanza; but it must be allowed that if this is the meaning, we should have expected some word to imply either that the 'wives' would be widows, or that their 'talk' would be by way of mourning. Catullus puts the idea more distinctly, '*Illius egregias virtutes claraque facta Saepe fatebuntur natorum in funere matres,*' 64. 348.

69. *iam non . . . superbos*; as after Cannae. Cp. Livy's account of Mago's mission to Carthage to announce that victory, and carry the proof of it in three bushels of gold rings taken from Roman knights, 23. 12.

72. *Hasdrubale interempto*; Liv. 28. 12.

73-76. It is a question whether the stanza is a continuation of Hannibal's speech or the poet's summing up. The latter is more likely. A quiet ending of the Ode is part of Horace's art (see *Introd.* to Books i-iii, § 11. 3), but he would hardly put into Hannibal's mouth a dull prophecy of the glories of the house of Nero. It is pretty certain, also, that Ritter is right in supposing that the '*curae sagaces*' belong to Augustus. Cp. 4. 14. 16 and 32 '*Te copias, te consilium et tuos Praebente Divos.*' Horace's intention is to unite the praises of the emperor with those of the young Neros. Here the compliment is intensified by the conjunction of his protection and that of Jupiter. This is the only interpretation which will give the last line and a half sufficient weight to balance the line and a half which precede.

73. *perficiunt*. This was the reading of V, though most other good MSS. have '*perficient.*' When once the stanza was taken as a prophecy, there was an obvious motive for altering the tense to the future.

76. *acuta belli*, the difficulties, anxieties of war. Cp. '*aspera belli,*' Liv. 6. 32. Perhaps there is an image of a ship threading the sharp rocks which beset a channel. For the use of '*expediunt*' cp. Virg. Aen. 2. 632.

ODE V

'Too long already, Augustus, art thou absent from thy trust. Return, then, remembering thy solemn promise. Thy face is spring to the year and brightness to the day. As a mother watches for her sailor-boy's return, so Rome for her Caesar. To thee we owe security by land and sea; peace and plenty; the restoration of honesty and of pure morals. No fear of Parthian or Scythian, of German or Spaniard. From morn till night a man works in his own vineyard, and then goes home to thank thee

among the gods to whom he pours libations after supper. Long be the happy holiday that Italy enjoys under thy auspices ; such is our prayer in the morning as well as in the evening.'

For the occasion and length of Augustus' absence see Introd. to the Book.

1. *divis orte bonis*, 'whose birth was the good gift of heaven.' Cp. 4. 2. 38 : opposed to '*iratis natus dis*,' Sat. 2. 3. 8 ; the ablative absolute, not the ablative with '*orte*.'

Romulae ; Carm. Saec. 47, Virg. Aen. 6. 877 '*Romula tellus*' ; see on Od. 1. 15. 10.

2. *custos* ; 4. 15. 17 '*custode rerum Caesare*.'

4. *sancto concilio*. The epithet is an habitual one of the senate ; Virg. Aen. 1. 426 '*Iura magistratusque legunt sanctumque senatum*.'

7. *adfulsit*, like sunshine.

it, 'passes,' as 2. 14. 5 '*quotquot eunt dies*.'

9. *quem Notus*, &c. Compare the picture of Asterie waiting for Gyges in 3. 7. The young sailor may be supposed to be in Egypt or Syria. Navigation was suspended from early in November to early in March ; so that, having failed to get away in the autumn, he has to stay into the following year. The '*mare Carpathium*' is the sea east of Crete ; '*spatium annum*' is the sailing time of one year.

13. *ominibus*. Her impatience is shown by frequently consulting omens.

16. *quaerit*, of longing for the absent, as 3. 24. 31 '*Virtutem incolumem odimus, Sublatam ex oculis quaerimus invidi*.'

17. *etenim*. The results of Caesar's happy reign are felt all round us, and *therefore* we wish to have him back again.

rura perambulat, of grazing cattle. '*Perambulat*' implies that they '*stalk about*' as if they felt their security. The repetition of '*rura*' is intentional, but it has offended many critics. Faber proposed '*prata perambulat*' ; Bentley '*nutrit farra*,' objecting to the phrase '*nutrire rura*.' It is, however, imitated by Silius, 12. 375 '*arva . . . Cereris nutrita favore*.'

18. *Faustitas*, the personification of Good Fortune, and especially of Plenty. *Felicitas* is represented on medals with the cornucopia.

19. *pacatum*, freed from pirates : Suet. Oct. 98 '*Vectores nautaeque de navi Alexandrina Augusto acclamarunt, per illum se vivere, per illum navigare, libertate atque fortunis per illum frui*.'

volitant, Virgil's '*pelago volamus*,' the frequentative giving the idea of number and frequency.

20. *culpari metuit*, 'shrinks from all possibility of blame' ; cp. 2. 2. 7 '*penna metuente solvi*.' It is the opposite to the state of things described in 3. 24. 59 '*Cum periura patris fides Consortem socium fallat et hospites*,' &c.

22. *mos et lex*, 'fashion,' '*habit*' ; and 'positive law' ; the

union that was desiderated in 3. 24. 35 'Quid leges sine moribus Vanae proficiunt?' The reference is to the 'Lex Iulia de Adulteriis coercendis' passed in B.C. 17; Dict. Ant. s.v. 'adulterium.'

23. **simili prole**; Hes. ²E. καὶ ³H. 233 *τίκτουσιν δὲ γυναῖκες εἰκότα τέκνα γονεύσιν*.

26. **Germania**. The reference is to the Sygambri: see Introd. to the Book.

horrida, in reference both to the forests and their rude inhabitants.

parturit. The form of the verb seems to imply 'breeds in swarms': 'numquam contenta est pariendo.' Cp. 1. 7. 16 'neque parturit imbris Perpetuo.'

27. **ferae Hiberiae**; 4. 14. 50 'Durae . . . tellus . . . Hiberiae.' For allusions to the long resistance of the Cantabri see Introd. to Books i-iii, § 6. They had been finally subdued by Agrippa in B.C. 19; Epp. 1. 12. 27.

29. **condit . . . diem**, 'sees the sun down.' Virg. E. 9. 81 'cantando . . . condere soles.' There is emphasis on 'suis.' He is not disturbed in his occupations by war, nor in his possessions by violence.

30. **viduas**. For the metaph. cp. Od. 2. 15. 4, Epod. 2. 9.

31. **ad vina**; he goes back with a light heart to make merry at home.

alteris; as 'mensae secundae,' Virg. G. 2. 101, where also perhaps the custom of commencing the second course, or that with which drinking began, by libations, is alluded to.

32. For **adhibet** cp. Virg. Aen. 5. 62 'adhibete Penatis . . . epulis,' 'invoke,' 'invite their presence'; see Conington, in loc. For the fact referred to the edd. quote Dion 51. 19 *ἐν τοῖς συσσιτίοις οὐχ ὅτι τοῖς κοινοῖς ἀλλὰ καὶ τοῖς ἰδίοις πάντας αὐτῷ σπένδειν ἐκέλευσαν, ἔς τε τοὺς ὕμνους αὐτὸν ἐξ ἴσου τοῖς θεοῖς ἐγγράφεισθαι*. This was after the victory of Actium.

34. **Laribus**. 'The worship of Augustus, or rather, perhaps, of the Lar of Augustus, as a demigod or *genius*, is to be distinguished from the later cult of the Caesars as deities, which Augustus himself interdicted at least in Rome,' Merivale, vol. iv, ch. 33, p. 75. See ib. for the account of Augustus' restoration of the chapels and worship of the Lares, and compare with him Ov. Fast. 5. 145 'Mille Lares geniumque ducis qui tradidit illos Urbs habet.'

35. **Castoris**. The genitives were probably felt to be dependent both on 'numen' and on 'memor.' If we must choose between them, doubtless those are right who prefer 'memor'; 'like Greece in her pious recollection of Castor,' &c.

37. 'The reign of Augustus is a perpetual holiday; may it be a long one!'

38. **integro die**, 'while the day is fresh, unbroken.'

39. **sicci**; Od. 1. 18. 3, Epp. 1. 19. 9.

uvidi, βεβρεγμένοι. The whole = 'at all hours and in all con-

ditions'; perhaps with a remembrance of such sayings as that of the Persians, who, according to Herodotus (I. 133), deliberate on every important matter twice, *μεθυσκόμενοι* and *νήφοντες*.

ODE VI

'APOLLO, terrible to thine enemies, as Niobe, Tityos, and great Achilles felt; yet even in thy wrath the friend of Rome, for if Achilles had lived Troy would have perished, not, indeed, by treachery, but in open war, which would have left no remnant to fly to Italy; Apollo, whom we know teaching the cithara on Parnassus, and bathing thy locks in the Xanthus;—uphold to-day the honour of the Daunian Muse. Aye, it is Apollo that inspires, teaches, selects me. Listen to me, boys and maidens of the chorus; take time from me, as you sing in turn Apollo and Diana and their kindly offices to man. Some day the matron will tell her children proudly "when the last Ludi Saeculares were held, I took my part in them, and sang the strains which the poet Horace taught me."

The Ode is, on the face of it, a sort of prelude to the Carmen Saeculare; a poetical expression of the pride of the poet in his selection to write the Hymn, and of his anxiety that it may receive justice in its public performance. His professed purpose is to claim the good offices first of Apollo, the powerful god to whose intervention Rome owed her very existence, the god of Greek song; and then, when this aid is assured, of the chorus of performers.

1. Apollo is invoked first by virtue of his sterner attributes as an avenger of *ὑβρις*. Three instances are given from mythology (according to the well-known formula of Greek poetry), the last being skilfully turned into a glorification of him as a *θεὸς σωτήρ*, the saviour of the Aeneadae, whose inveterate foe he thus removed.

magnae linguae, 'a vaunting tongue'; Soph. Ant. 127 *Ζεὺς γὰρ μεγάλης γλώσσης κόμπους | ὑπερεχθαίρει*. The boast of Niobe was that she had given birth to more children than Latona. The story is told in Hom. Il. 24. 602.

2. *vindicem* is grammatically limited to the first clause by its connexion with the genitive '*linguae*'; but to be extended in sense to the other two, the kind of *ὑβρις*, of which he was the avenger, being expressed in the first by the epithet of 'Tityos raptor,' in the second by the fuller account of Achilles' bearing towards the vanquished.

Tityos; 2. 14. 8, 3. 4. 77, 3. 11. 21, Pind. P. 4. 90. His offence, an assault on Latona, and his punishment in Tartarus, are told in Hom. Od. 11. 576.

3. **prope victor**, 'before he could complete the victory which, by slaying Hector, he had all but won.' The death of Achilles is treated by Homer (in Hector's prophecy, Il. 22. 358) as the joint work of Paris and Apollo; Virgil follows him, Aen. 6. 56 'Phoebe, gravis Troiae semper miserate labores, Dardana qui Paridis dextera tela manusque Corpus in Aeacidae'; Sophocles attributes it directly to Apollo, Phil. 334 NE. τέθνηκεν, ἀνδρὸς οὐδενός, θεοῦ δ' ὑπο | τοξευτός, ὥς λέγουσιν, ἐκ Φοίβου δαμείς.

altae. The Homeric Ἰλίου αἰπεινῆς.

4. **Phthius**. Phthia is Achilles' country in Homer, Il. 1. 155, &c.

7. **Dardanas**. For the form see on 1. 15. 10.

8. **cuspidē**, his famous spear; Hom. Il. 19. 387 Ἐκ δ' ἄρα σύριγ- γος πατρώϊον ἐσπάσατ' ἔγχος | βριθὺ μέγα στιβαρόν· τὸ μὲν οὐ δύνατ' ἄλλος Ἀχαιῶν | πᾶλλειν, κτλ. The ablative can hardly be independent either of 'quateret' or of 'pugnax,' 'made the towers of Troy quake before the repeated onset of his terrible spear.'

9-13. **ille . . . ille** supply the want of any more definite contrast, by logical conjunctions, of the two pictures, of what *was* and what *might have been* if Apollo had not interfered.

9, 10. 'As a pine cleft by the axe, or a cypress blown down by the east wind.' Perhaps the double simile is meant to touch two stages in the same action: 'so Achilles was stricken down, and so he fell.' Cp. the double simile at the beginning of 4. 4.

9. **mordaci**, eating into the wood at every stroke.

11. **procidit late**; Agamemnon, of Achilles' death, in Hom. Od.

24. 39 σὺ δ' ἐν στροφάλιγγι κονίης | κείσο μέγας μεγαλωστί.

13. **Minervae sacra mentito**, 'that feigned Minerva's worship'; Virg. Aen. 2. 17 and 183.

14. **male feriatus**, 'keeping ill-timed holiday'; Virg. Aen. 2. 248, 9, Eur. Troad. 515 foll.

16. **falleret**, for 'fefellisset,' Sat. 1. 6. 80. Madv. § 347, obs. 2, gives instances of the substitution even in rhetorical prose: cp. Virg. Aen. 5. 325, 6. 293: 'he was not one to surprise,' &c.

17. **palam captis gravis**. His foemen would have been taken in open day, in fair fight; but when taken they must not have looked for quarter. Perhaps the position of 'palam,' where it answers to the key-note of the last stanza, 'mentito . . . falleret,' is meant to enable it in thought to qualify both 'captis' and 'gravis.' 'He was open throughout; he resorted to no stratagem, and he affected no clemency.' The fact that some of the other MSS. leave a gap in the place of 'captis,' while in the later MSS. other words are found, 'victor,' 'raptor,' 'captos,' seems to Bentley to show that all are alike conjectural restorations of a word lost in early copies. Compare a similar case in Epp. 2. 2. 199.

heu nefas! heu! Compare the sigh in 'Heu pervicacis ad pedes Achillei,' Epod. 17. 14.

19. **latentem**. The singular, which Lambinus and Cruquius had altered, is very likely due, as Bentley pointed out, to Hom. Il. 6. 58, Horace having accommodated to Achilles the words of Agamem-

non, μηδ' ὄν τινα γαστέρι μήτηρ | κοῖρον ἔόντα φέροι, μηδ' ὅς φύγοι, ἀλλ'
ἅμα πάντες | Ἰλίου ἑξαπολοίατ,' κτλ.

22. *adnuisset*; Virg. Aen. 1. 257 'Parce metu, Cytherea, manent immota tuorum Fata tibi; cernes urbem et promissa Lavini Moenia.'

23. *rebus Aeneae*, the fortunes of Aeneas and his house, as 'res Asiae,' Virg. Aen. 5. 1, 'res Troiae,' Aen. 8. 471.

potiore alite; 1. 15. 5.

ductos, either 'carried along,' 'built,' or only 'traced.' See Conington on Virg. Aen. 1. 423 'pars ducere muros.'

25. *argutae*, *λεγέας*, predicative. She learnt her clear singing, as well as her harp-playing, of Apollo. Some MSS. of inferior value have 'Argivae,' which was intended to be antithetical to 'Daunia' = 'Latinae'; see note on v. 28.

26. *Xantho*. The Lycian, not the Trojan, Xanthus; 3. 4. 62. Virg. Aen. 4. 143 'hibernam Lyciam Xanthique fluenta Deserit.' For the practice of introducing into prayers the names of the sacred haunts of the god addressed cp. 1. 30. 1, 3. 26. 10. Apollo's long hair is at once the sign of his perpetual youth (as in v. 28 'levis,' i.e. 'imberbis') and part of the costume of the bard; see Virg. Aen. 1. 740 'crinitus Iopas.'

27. *Daunia*, in the first place, doubtless, Horace's own Muse (cp. 3. 30. 10, and 'Calabrae Pierides' of Ennius, 4. 8. 20), as is shown by the immediate transition to himself, 'spiritum Phoebus mihi,' &c. But it is not a purely local designation. Horace would not have said here 'Venusinae Camenae.' He speaks of 'Daunian blood' for Roman or Italian in Od. 2. 1. 34, and uses the Apulian as the typical representative of all Roman virtues (Od. 3. 5. 9, 3. 16. 26, Epod. 2. 42); and so here the 'Daunian Muse' is the 'Italian Muse,' though he would remember the special appropriateness of the local name, when the chosen representative of Roman poetry is a Daunian born.

28. *Agyieū*. 'Αγυιεύς was a Greek name of Apollo as guardian of ways, *ἀγυιαί*, Aesch. Agam. 1081, Arist. Vesp. 875. Ritter explains the choice of the title by the fact that the Carmen Saeculare would be sung 'sub dio.' This seems far-fetched. The associations of the name were to Horace, probably, purely literary, and his purpose, as in the first two lines of the stanza, is mainly to make it clear that it is the Greek god in all his attributes whom he claims as the protector of his Daunian Muse (the antithesis is present, though we need not in v. 25 read 'Argivae,' to make it too obtrusive); and to this end the thoroughly Greek name contributes. Cp. the force of a Greek form 1. 1. 34. The unusual name makes great havoc among the copyists. V had oddly 'Laetus Agylleu.'

29, 30. These verses form the transition to the last part of the Ode. He has prayed to Phoebus, the Greek god of poetry, to defend from disgrace, through failure of the poet or performers or audience, the honour of the Italian Muse: 'Yes, it is Phoebus that inspires him; that teaches him his art; that gives him the fame

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which has caused him to be selected for this great task.' Strong in that persuasion, he calls on the chorus to obey and learn of him.

29. **spiritum**; see on 2. 16. 38.

31. **Carm. Saec. 6.** The chorus consisted of boys and girls, all of good birth (*ἐπιφανείς*, Zosimus; see *Introd. to C. S.*), and with both parents alive.

33. **tutela**, passively='qui in tutela Dianae estis.' The use is found in Propertius 4. 8. 3. Diana is the patroness of chastity. Cp. Catull. 34. 1 'Dianae sumus in fide Puellae et pueri integri.'

34. **cohibentis**='sistentis,' 'who stays in their flight.'

35. **Lesbium servate pedem**, i.e. observe the ictus of the Sapphic metre.

mei pollicis, of the thumb of the poet beating time in his capacity as *χοροδιδάσκαλος*. The Scholiasts take it of his striking the lyre in accompaniment; but Horace would not accompany his chorus.

37. **rite**, according to the traditional ceremonial of the *Ludi Saeculares*. The repetition emphasizes the equality of the alternate addresses.

38. **crescentem facē**, 'with her crescent light.' For the ablative cp. 4. 4. 45 'secundis laboribus crevit.'

Noctilucae; Varro, *L. L.* 5. 68 'Luna . . . dicta Noctiluca in Palatio.'

39. **prosperam frugum**='prosperantem fruges.' It is the same Gr. gen. of relation as 'fertilis frugum,' *Carm. Saec. 29*.

celerem volvere; App. 2, § 2.

pronos, running smoothly, swiftly.

41. **nupta iam**, 'some day when you are a wife.' He imagines himself addressing one of the girls in the chorus.

42. **saeculo**; see *Introd. to C. S.*

festas luces, the three days of the festival.

43. **reddidi**, 'rendered,' 'performed.'

docilis modorum; 1. 15. 24 'sciens pugnae.'

ODE VII

'SPRING has returned to earth, and with it foliage and light and warmth. It will not last for ever: this is the lesson of revolving seasons. Only *they* pass to return again; *we*, when we pass where the great and good are gone before us, are dust and nothing. To-day may be your last; who knows? Take your fill of enjoyment. What you spend on yourself is at least so much the less for your greedy heir. When once you are dead and passed Minos' grand tribunal, neither race, Torquatus, nor eloquence, nor goodness, will restore you to the light. Think of Hippolytus and Pirithous, and learn this lesson from their fate.'

Torquatus is the same person, doubtless, whom Horace addressed

in Epp. 1. 5, to much the same purpose as in this Ode; but more than that it is difficult to say, notwithstanding the many guesses that have been offered on the subject. The two most plausible ones are, (1) that of Estré, who identifies with him the Aulus Torquatus mentioned in Corn. Nep. Atticus, as amongst those who were compromised by their share in Brutus and Cassius' campaign. This would give an occasion for Horace's acquaintance with him. (2) That of Weichert, who thinks that he was no member of the Manlia gens, but the C. Nonius Asprenas mentioned by Suetonius (Oct. 43 and 56), the intimate friend of Augustus, who had assumed for himself and his family the cognomen of Torquatus by permission of the emperor, and in memory of a golden 'torques' with which Augustus had presented him on the occasion of his injuring himself by a fall while performing in the *Ludus Troiae*. His assumption of the name has been held to prove, what there are no other facts to disprove, that the old family of Torquati was extinct.

The Ode is remarkably parallel to 1. 4; so much so, that Macleane is inclined to think that it was omitted on this account from the first three Books, and only published under the necessity of making up a respectable number to meet Augustus' requirement of a fourth Book. There is nothing to indicate its date.

1. *diffugere*, 'like an army defeated,' as Wordsworth paraphrases it.

3. *mutat vices* = 'vices patitur,' 'peragit,' Ov. Met. 15. 238: but 'mutat' emphasizes the complete *change* which happens, 'vices' (cp. 'grata vice,' 1. 4. 1, 'benigna vice,' Epod. 13. 8) the orderly *succession* of the conditions.

terra is probably the 'dry land,' in which case 'mutat terra vices' sums up the changes of the two preceding lines, as the next line and a half deal with the 'streams.'

4. *praetereunt*, 'flow past (i. e. within) their banks,' instead of pouring over them.

5. *Gratia cum geminis sororibus*, i. e. the three Graces. For the form cp. 3. 19. 16. For the Graces dancing as a picture of returning spring, 1. 4. 6.

7. *annus et . . . diem*, the revolution of the year, and the rapidity with which sunny days fly past us. 'Hora,' not so much the evening hour (which would be to introduce a new image) as the flight of time, the passing hours. Cp. 2. 16. 32. It is not night, but winter which he sees approaching.

9. Compare the procession of the seasons in Lucr. 5. 736.

proterit, *καταπατεῖ*, 'tramples before it,' of the advance of a victorious army; 3. 5. 34.

11. *effuderit*, 'has scattered broadcast.'

13. *damna . . . caelestia*, 'all that is lost in heaven': primarily of the waning of the moon itself, 'damna' being commonly used in this sense by Manilius and others; but we are to understand also the whole waste and damage of the year as it passes back into

winter. With the whole thought cf. *ull.* 5. 4 'Soles occidere et redire possunt : Nobis cum semel occidit brevis lux, Nox est perpetua una dormienda.'

15. **pater.** The reading of V and the other good MSS., though a majority read 'pius.' As the more habitual Virgilian epithet, the latter is the more likely to have been substituted. The MSS. also vary between the order 'Tullus pater' and 'dives Tullus.' The epithet is intended, probably, for both kings, princely wealth being part of the traditions of the monarchy. The general expression (cp. *Epp.* 1. 6. 27 'Ire tamen quod Numa quo devenit et Ancus') is after *Lucr.* 3. 1037 'Luminis oculis etiam bonus Ancus reliquit,' that being from *Ennius*, *Ann.* 150.

16. **pulvis et umbræ** the conjunction perhaps from *Soph. El.* 1158 ἀντὶ φιλάτης | μοῖρα ποδὸν τε καὶ σκιὰν ἀνωφελῇ.

17. **adiciant,** 'make adding,' in their counsels.

hodiernæ summæ the total (of our life) as it stands to-day. V, with several other MSS., had 'vitæ' instead of 'summæ,' which can hardly mean anything but a gloss. For 'summæ' in this connexion cp. 1. 4. 15.

19. **manus avidas heredis**; the Epicurean moral of the Ode—though it comes incidentally—'enjoy, do not hoard.' Newman remarks on this and similar expressions (as 2. 3. 20, 2. 14. 25), that the state of feeling which they indicate belongs to the avoidance of marriage, which was a feature of Roman life at the time. 'Amico dare animo' is apparently a translation of φίλη ψυχῇ χαρίζεσθαι = 'genio indulgere'; *Simonides*, § 85, enforcing the same lesson from the shortness of life, σὺ ταῦτα μαθὼν βίον ποτὶ τέρμα | ψυχῇ τῶν ἀγαθῶν τλήθι χαρίζομενος.

21. **splendida.** The magnificence, stateliness, of Minos' court is transferred to the decrees he passes. *Homer* describes him *Od.* 11. 568 Διὸς ἀγλαὸν υἱόν, | χρύσειον σκήπτρον ἔχοντα, θεμστεύοντα νέκυσιν.

23. **Torquate.** The personal address implies that *Torquatus* possesses the gifts of which *Horace* speaks. With 'facundia' *Orelli* compares the hint in *Epp.* 1. 5. 9, 'Moschi causam,' that *Torquatus* was a forensic orator.

25–28. Two instances, from mythology, of the irrevocable nature of death. The emphatic words are 'pudicum' and 'caro,' and there is a certain antithesis between the two stories. *Hippolytus*, innocent and the victim of his chastity—yet *Diana*, the goddess of chastity, could not save him; *Pirithous* the guilty one of the pair (see 3. 4. 79)—*Theseus*' love made him share *Pirithous*' enterprise, and for a time he shared his punishment; but when he was set free himself by *Hercules*, all his love could not free *Pirithous* also. In the story of *Hippolytus* as told by *Virg. Aen.* 7. 765 foll. and *Ov. Met.* 15. 479 foll., *Diana*'s efforts are successful, for he is the person whom *Aesculapius* recalled to life; but this is unknown to the Greek legend as it appears in *Euripides*' *Hippolytus*, which *Horace* here follows.

ODE VIII

'UNDER other circumstances, Censorinus, I would send my friends bronzes and pictures, and you should have the best of them. As it is I have none to give, and you would not care for them. Verse you will value and verse I can give; and hear now the value I set on the gift. Statues and inscriptions, the great feats of the Punic wars, do not throw such lustre on generals like the Scipios, as do the verses of Ennius. Would father Romulus have lived without a grateful posterity to tell of him? Would Aeacus have won the happy islands but for Pindar's Muse? The Muse gives immortality, and instals her favourites in a place in heaven; witness Hercules, the Tyndaridae, Bacchus himself.'

C. Marcius Censorinus was consul in B.C. 8, and died, amid general regret, A.D. 2. Vell. Paterculus calls him 'vir demerendis hominibus natus.'

Metre—*First Asclepiad*.

1. **donarem**. This reference is to the custom of exchanging presents ('strenae') on certain occasions, such as the Calends of March or the Saturnalia. Cp. the Pseudo-Tibull. 3. 1. 1 'Martis Romani festae venere Kalendae . . . Et vaga nunc certa discurrunt undique pompa Perque vias urbis munera perque domos,' and read Stat. Silv. 4. 9. The condition to 'donarem' must be understood from the protasis of the following sentence 'divite me,' &c., although the construction there has been changed and we are speaking no longer of bronzes but of pictures and sculpture, but it is helped also by the words 'grata commodus,' which answer to one another, 'grata' meaning 'pleasing to their taste,' 'commodus' (cp. 3. 19. 12, Epp. 2. 1. 227, A.P. 257) 'consulting their taste.' 'I would give . . . if I had them, and my friends cared for them.'

2. **aera**, works in bronze, such as vases.

3. **fortium Graiorum**, in reference to such passages as Hom. Il. 23. 259, 264, &c. (cp. Virg. Aen. 5. 110, 9. 265), and to the use of a tripod as a prize at the Pythian and other games; Herod. 1. 144.

5. **ferres**, 'acciperes,' sc. 'a me'; Od. 3. 16. 22, Sat. 2. 1. 12, Epp. 2. 2. 14.

scilicet emphasizes the condition, the stubbornness of the 'if.' 'All this would happen, *supposing*, you mark me, I were rich,' &c.

artium, 'works of art'; Epp. 1. 6. 17, 2. 1. 203. It goes somewhat beyond Virgil's use, 'clipeum . . . Didymaonis artis,' Aen. 5. 359, which is after such expressions as Soph. O. C. 472 *κατῆρες* . . . ἀνδρὸς εὐχείρος τέχνη.

6. **Parrhasius**, a painter of Ephesus, a contemporary of Zeuxis, and therefore living about the time of the Peloponnesian war. Xenophon describes Socrates as paying a visit to his studio. Quin-

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tilian (12. 10. 5) calls him 'legum latorem' in the art of painting, and Pliny (N. H. 35. 36) praises him as the first who 'symmetriam picturae dedit.'

Scopas, of Paros, belongs to the first half of the fourth century B. C., being an elder contemporary of Praxiteles, and with him at the head of the 'later Attic school' of sculpture, which is distinguished from the earlier school, of which Phidias was the representative.

8. **ponere**, to 'represent,' properly of sculpture; to set up, to leave standing before you. Cp. A. P. 34 'Infelix operis summa, quia ponere totum Nesciet,' Od. 4. 1. 20 'ponet marmoream,' Virg. Æ. 3. 46, and the correlative 'stare,' Sat. 2. 3. 183 'aeneus ut stes.' It is transferred to poetical representation Juv. 1. 155 'Pone Tigellinum.'

9. **haec vis** can hardly be (as Düntzer) = 'harum deliciarum vis,' as 'hederae vis' 4. 11. 4, nor can 'vis' be used simply = 'facultas,' sc. 'dandi talia,' but it is used with a certain play, 'this is not where my force lies.'

10. **res . . . animus**; you are too rich to want such dainty presents, too simple in your tastes to care for them.

12. **pretium dicere muneri**, i.e. tell you how much it is worth. The construction as in Sat. 2. 3. 23 'Callidus huic signo ponebam milia centum,' Ter. Hecyra Prol. 41 'si numquam avare pretium statui arti meae.' The remainder of the Ode is occupied in setting its value on the gift, i.e. in setting forth the 'deathless powers' that 'to verse belong.'

13. **notis publicis**, inscriptions graven by order of the State. There seems to be an allusion to an act of Augustus (Suet. Oct. 31), who had erected in his Forum statues of the great generals of the Republic, with laudatory inscriptions.

13-20. The general meaning of these lines is clear, though the literature which they have occasioned is a sufficient proof that their expression is somewhat confused. 'No other record of great deeds, such as statues and inscriptions (which may be destroyed and obliterated), not the great deeds themselves (which may be forgotten), can confer immortality of fame as poetry can.' The expression begins generally, as if he were going to talk of all great generals; the second clause narrows it to Scipio Africanus Major. The chief difficulty lies in v. 17. Attempts have been made to explain that verse of the burning of the camp of Syphax by the elder Scipio, Liv. 30. 5, or the burning of the Carthaginian ships surrendered at the end of the Second Punic War, 'quarum conspectum repente incendium [tradunt] tam lugubre fuisse Poenis quam si tum ipsa Carthago arderet,' Liv. 30. 43; and if Ennius himself had used such a phrase, we might have explained it in one of these ways as a natural exaggeration; but, after the actual event, the 'burning of Carthage' in a Roman's mouth can hardly mean anything but its burning by Scipio Africanus Minor at the end of the Third Punic War, in B. C. 146, seventeen years after the death

of the elder Scipio, and five years after the death of his friend the poet Ennius, who in his *Annales* wrote a poetical account of the Second Punic War. We cannot accuse Horace of confusing the two Scipios, and (as Bentley points out) the critical contemporaries who heard and read his poems of tolerating the confusion. Nor are the conjectural emendations 'impēdia' (Cunningham), 'stipēdia' (Döring), 'In dispēdia' (Hermann), likely or happy. The line is condemned by Bentley as a monkish interpolation, on metrical as well as historical grounds, and it is the first and most obvious victim of those who wish to reduce the Ode to conformity with Meineke's canon; see Index of Metres, § 6. It remains to interpret the lines as they stand, and the difficulties do not seem to be as great as they have been represented. If we wish (with Ritter) to make Africanus Major the subject of the whole comparison, then the burning of Carthage will be adduced, not as his act, but as the crown and completion, by one of his name, of his victories, as something which might be supposed to revive and keep alive his fame. 'Not marble monuments, not his great feats of arms, not the completest posthumous success of his policy and hereditary transmission of his fame, win for him the glory that Ennius' poetry wins for him.' The truth, however, is perhaps that Horace is (not confusing, but) consciously uniting the two Scipios. 'What throws most glory on the name of Africanus? Zama and the destruction of Carthage, or Ennius' poetry?' 'Eius qui . . . rediit,' is merely a periphrasis for the name 'Africanus,' and Horace could have used it apparently of the younger Scipio, as he uses of him in Sat. 2. 1. 65 the periphrasis 'qui Duxit ab oppressa meritum Carthagine nomen.' Cp. the words which Cicero puts into the mouth of Scipio Africanus Major as addressed to his grandson, 'Hanc [Carthaginem] evertes, eritque cognomen id tibi per te partum quod habes adhuc a nobis hereditarium,' *Somn. Scip.* 11. In favour of this view is the fact already pointed out, that the sentiment is really general, 'famous deeds' are specialized, after Horace's manner, into 'the deeds of the two Scipios,' and poetry is specialized into the poetry of (or such as that of) Ennius; but we may remember that Scipio's exploits were only the last in the long series of glories which formed the subject of Ennius' poem. That it stopped short of Africanus Minor is a fact that Horace might ignore.

15. *fugae . . . minae*. The flight of Hannibal from Italy, and the return on his own head, by Scipio's invasion of Africa, of the threats he had offered to Rome by his invasion of Italy.

17. *impiae*; 4. 4. 46 'impio Poenorum tumultu.'

20. *Calabrae Pierides*, from Rudiae, a village of South Calabria, the birthplace of Ennius.

21. *chartae sileant*; cp. 4. 9. 31.

22 foll. Instances from mythology of the immortalizing power of poetry—Romulus, Aeacus, Hercules, the Tyndaridae, Bacchus.

22. *Iliae Mavortisque puer*, i.e. despite his royal and divine ancestry.

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23. **taciturnitas invida**; cp. 4. 9. 33 'lividas obliviones.' Verses are quoted from Ennius in honour of Romulus; but the thought is not limited to any particular poem. 'Rome itself, with all its greatness and history, would not tell us who Romulus was unless poetry kept the legend alive.'

26. **virtus**, generally taken of the poet's power; but it is perhaps better to take it of Aeacus: 'His virtue, yes, and the goodwill and the tongue of poets.' 'Et . . . et' will imply that the last conditions are at least as necessary as the first; their reinforcement by the epithet 'potentium,' 'who can do so if they will,' give them pre-eminent importance. Aeacus' merits, like Romulus' birth, only heighten our sense of the poet's power, in that without it even they would have been powerless.

27. **insulis**, the local abl.: 'divitibus,' Epod. 16. 42; ὀλβίαις . . . μακάρων νήσοις.

28. He gathers the moral of the preceding instances. The Muse does not only protect her favourites from death, she also confers on them a place in heaven. The illustrations are the same as in 3. 3. 9-16.

29. **sic**, by the power of poetry.

30. **optatis**, he has attained his wishes: 'Ensis arces attigit igneas.'

31. Cp. 1. 3. 2, 1. 12. 27.

33. This line has been suspected on account of its similarity to 3. 25. 20 'Cingentem viridi tempora pampino'; but 'Liber' (as Orelli remarks) would stand baldly with no qualifying clause. It means 'as a god,' 'in the insignia by which we always recognize him.'

ODE IX

'Do not despise the office of the lyric poet, Lollius. Pindar's poems live, unextinguished by Homer's greater name; and so do those of Simonides, Alcaeus, Stesichorus, Anacreon, Sappho. Before Homer sang, many a Helen loved, many a Troy was besieged, many a Hector or Deiphobus fought and died for wife and children. Why are they unwept, unknown? Because they had no inspired chronicler; and, when once forgotten, what good is left of their heroism? It shall not be so with you, Lollius, if I can help it. You have the mind of a statesman—clear sighted, well balanced, proof against avarice, ruler of all things, because it rules itself. Such is the one wise and happy man, who is independent of circumstances, who can use prosperity well, and not shrink from poverty or death in a good cause.'

Lollius ('M. Lollius M. F.' His cognomen is unknown; see on Epp. 1. 2. 1) had been consul B. C. 21 (Epp. 1. 20. 28). For his

temporary defeat by the Sygambri in B. C. 16 see *Introd. to this Book*. His character stands very low with other writers. Pliny, N. H. 9. 35. 58, and Vell. Pat. 2. 9, accuse him specially of avarice and venality. This is in strange contradiction to Horace's panegyric, in which such stress is laid on his freedom from these particular vices. The public voice can hardly, at the time Horace wrote, have endorsed the accusations; or the boldness of meeting Lollius' calumniators on their own ground would have raised ridicule rather than sympathy. Something no doubt must be deducted from Velleius' testimony on the score of his partiality to Tiberius, whose enmity Lollius had specially incurred (Suet. Tib. 12, 13), and Pliny would very likely have followed Velleius. But Lollius, notwithstanding the failure of his German campaign, continued in the intimacy and confidence of Augustus, as is shown by the fact that he was sent by him to the East as the companion and adviser of his grandson Caius Caesar in B. C. 2. The issue of Lollius' campaign on the Rhine had not been unsuccessful; and it is likely enough that Horace would rush to the rescue of a friend of his own and of the emperor's, against whom, in the moment of what may have seemed a single and undeserved failure, the world had begun to breathe graver charges, possibly such as were subsequently shown to be true, but such as his friends in Rome could still discredit.

1. *ne forte credas*; not a direct prohibition, in which sense Horace would rather say '*ne credideris*' (see on I. 33. 1), but as in Epp. I. 1. 13 ('*Ac ne forte roges quo me duce, quo lare tuter: Nullius addictus iurare in verba magistri, Quo me cumque rapit tempestas, deferor hospes*'; cp. Sat. 2. 1. 80), giving the negative purpose of the following statement. 'To prevent your fancying, as perhaps you might, that my poetry will die, let me remind you of the fame of other lyric poets.' The preamble serves to connect the discourse on lyric poetry with the stanzas about Lollius personally. 'Lest you should undervalue an Ode from me, I will proceed "*pretium dicere muneri*".'

2. *longe sonantem*; 3. 30. 10 '*qua violens obstrepit Aufidus*,' 4. 14. 25 foll., Sat. 1. 1. 58. *ad Aufidum* must not be pressed too closely. The Aufidus was ten miles from Venusia.

3. *non ante vulgatas per artis*: the plural, of the rules of an art. 'Vulgatas,' rather 'known to the world,' in its products, than 'divulged' as secrets to a special artist; but there is intended to be a certain mystical air about the words, a suggestion of the metaphor of 3. 1. 2, 3 '*carmina non prius Audita Musarum sacerdos*,' &c. The words qualify the whole clause '*quae natus ad Aufidum . . . verba loquor*,' &c., '*verba socianda chordis*' being merely a periphrasis for lyrical poetry, and there being the usual antithesis between his birthplace and his claim. It is Latin lyric poetry which he professes to have invented, or popularized, as he puts it, when he is speaking more responsibly in Epp. 1. 19. 24 '*Ostendi Latio . . . vulgavi*.'

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5. **Maeonius**; 1. 6. 2, the adjectival form of 'Maeonides.' Tradition was divided on the question whether Homer was so called as literally a son of Maeon, or only as a Lydian.

6. **latent**, are hidden from sight, forgotten.

7. **Ceae**; 2. 1. 38, the Muse of Simonides.

Alcaeï minaces, the poems in which he attacked Myrsilus and other tyrants of Mitylene: cp. 'pugnās et exactos tyrannos,' 2. 13. 31.

8. **Stesichori graves Camenae**. To us who do not possess his poems, the epithet is best interpreted by Quintil. 10. 1. 62 'Stesichorum quam sit ingenio validus materiae quoque ostenderunt, maxima bella et clarissimos canentem duces et epici carminis onera lyra sustinentem. Reddit enim personis in agendo simul loquendoque debitam dignitatem.'

9. **lūsit**, as *παίζων*, of light and playful poetry. It contrasts with the dignity of Stesichorus and the passion of Sappho, see on 1. 32. 2.

11. **commissi**, confided as secrets. Sat. 2. 1. 30 'Ille velut fidis arcana sodalibus olim Credebat libris.' 'She told her secret to the lute, And yet its chords with passion thrill,' Conington.

12. **Aeoliae**; 2. 13. 24.

13 foll. Horace passes from the defence of lyric poetry as contrasted with epic, to the power of verse generally. He employs a variety of forms to express the central thought, viz. that the persons and deeds which are Homer's theme, had their counterparts in the age before him, as worthy of record as they, yet which all perished as though they had never been: 'non sola,' 'primusve,' 'non semel,' 'non solus,' 'non primus.' Then the same thought is stated affirmatively in v. 25.

13-16. The construction is 'non sola arsit crinis, mirata et aurum cultusque et comites,' 'que' coupling the things more closely connected, 'et . . . et' those which are more distinct, 'his dress and his suite.'

14. **crinis**; 1. 15. 14.

16. **Lacaena**. The epithet recalls the whole story of the Trojan war. It would not have been in place a stanza later; but here the complete identification, as though he had said 'Homer's Helen,' helps the transition.

17. **Teucer**; 1. 15. 24, Hom. Il. 13. 313 ὃς ἄριστος Ἀχαιῶν | τοξοσύνη.

Cydonio, Cretan, a perpetual epithet, 1. 15. 17 'calami spicula Gnosii,' Virg. E. 10. 59 'torquere Cydonia cornu Spicula.' Cydon or Cydonia was an important city of Crete; Herod. 3. 44, Thuc. 2. 35.

18. **non semel Ilios**, 'the siege of Troy was not unprecedented.' 'A Troy,' a city as great as Troy, has often stood as long a siege.

21. He passes from the gallantry of attack to that of defence; from Grecian heroes to Trojan.

26. **illacrimabiles**, 'where none can weep for them.' The adjective is used actively in 2. 14. 6.

27. **urgentur nocte**, as of a tomb lying heavy on them ; 1. 24. 5.

28. **sacro**, he is the favourite of Apollo, of Bacchus, of Mercury, the 'Musarum sacerdos,' who can confer immortality by his poetry ; 'sacrare plectro,' 1. 26. 11, 'Caelo Musa beat,' 4. 8. 29.

29 foll. He sums up the moral of the preceding stanzas, and applies it to the special case of Lollius. 'The pre-Homeric heroes are dead and forgotten, and, being forgotten, what difference does it make whether they were heroes or cowards? We will not allow such a mistake to occur again now.' In the words **paulum sepultae**, &c., both the participles really belong equally to both substantives. 'If you hide them (i.e. do not give them fame through poetry), valour differs little from cowardice, so soon as they are both in the grave.' The appropriation of a participle to each substantive is only a poetical artifice to obtain point and preciseness in sound. We gain from it the additional suggestion of the equivalence of the two conditions. 'All colours are alike in the dark'; 'buried in oblivion, buried in the grave, there is little difference in the conditions, even if the things in question are as far apart as valour and cowardice.' On Horace's practice of dividing between two subjects qualities which are meant to be attributed to both, see on 2. 10. 6, 2. 11. 1, 2. 15. 18, 20, 3. 4. 18, Epod. 5. 37. Bentley, missing this explanation, finds great difficulty in the text, complaining that 'sepultae' is superfluous. "Forgotten virtue differs little from baseness," but if you substitute "buried baseness," the point of the comparison is gone.' He ingeniously proposed to remedy it by reading 'inertia,' ablative, 'Virtue, if concealed by [the poet's] remissness, is as though it were buried.'

29. **inertiae**, 'cowardice'; see on 3. 5. 36.

31. **silebo**; cp. 4. 8. 1. Some good MSS. read 'sileri.' There is a similar variance between 'perire' and 'peribit' in v. 52.

33. **impune**, without an effort to resist it.

carpere is not inappropriate, as describing the action of 'obliviones,' 'wearing away,' 'obliterating feature after feature'; but it is intended specially to recall the 'tooth' of envy. Od. 4. 3. 16, Epod. 6. 15, Epp. 1. 18. 82, Cic. pro Balb. 26 'maledico dente carpere.'

lividas obliviones; cp. 'taciturnitas invida,' 4. 8. 23, but it implies here that if Lollius is forgotten, it will be the result of envious detraction.

34 foll. On the general relation of the remainder of the Ode to Lollius' historical character see Introd.

35. **rerum prudens**. This and the following verse seem to imply 'the qualities of a commander,' and to have special though delicate reference to Lollius' military disaster. 'Foresight, and a mind not to be thrown off its balance either by success or temporary failure.'

37. 'Quick to punish greed and wrong in others, and proof itself against the universal temptation.'

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abstinens pecuniae, the Greek relative genitive for the Latin ablative, as 'sceleris purus,' 1. 22. 1.

39. **consul non unius anni**. Cp. 3. 2. 17 foll. 'Virtus repulsae nescia sordidae Intaminatis fulget honoribus, Nec sumit aut ponit securis Arbitrio popularis aurae'; see note there. It is, in a Roman metaphor, the Stoic paradox that the wise man is always a king, and it has the more point that Lollius had actually been consul;—'not that one year only, but always.' There is no difficulty, so far, in the substantives, 'vindex,' 'consul,' as applied to 'animus,' and not to the man himself; no more than in the passage just quoted, where 'virtue' = 'the virtuous man,' is said to be always consul. Bentley has collected a number of similar instances from all Latinity; 'animus lucis contemptor,' Virg. Aen. 9. 205, 'animus liberator,' 'carnifex,' 'proscriptor,' &c. Cp. Sat. 1. 4. 18 'animi, raro et perpauca loquentis.' But the expression becomes harsh and embarrassed when the mind is said to be a 'consul of more than one year,' by virtue of its behaviour as a judge. Ritter thinks that this was softened by a consciousness in the poet and his readers of the current etymology of 'consul' as = 'qui bene consulit,' Varr. L. L. 5. 80. At any rate the harshness is softened by the distance of the words from 'animus.' With 'consul' we take up the notion of Lollius, himself the ex-consul, and cease to feel that we are speaking of his mind, not of him. We may compare the way in which 'sententia' is used in Epp. 1. 1. 97-100, the verbs being at first such as it may naturally stand as subject to, but changing, as the clauses go on, to those which presume Horace himself to be their subject.

40-44. **sed quotiens . . . arma**. 'Sed quotiens' answering to 'non unius anni,' 'consul, not of one year, but in perpetuity, so often as,' &c., 'quotiens' being understood before the second and third clauses. Orelli compares 3. 24. 40 foll. where 'si,' and 4. 8. 31 foll. where 'sic,' are similarly omitted. Of the Scholiasts Porph. alone takes the stanza in a different way, making 'explicit . . . victor' the apodosis to 'quotiens iudex . . . praetulit . . . reiecit.' 'So often as on the judgement-seat it resists the temptations of expediency and bribery, it is a conqueror as much as if it were scattering foemen in real battle.' The construction is not any easier, and the flow of the lines is less easy, than if 'sed quotiens' gave at once the full antithesis to 'non unius anni,' and started us on a fresh thought; but Porph. seems to be followed, among recent editors, if we may judge by their punctuation, by Keller and Munro. The question is partly mixed up with the further doubt as to the reference of the whole stanza. Porph.'s construction is only admissible on the view (which Orelli supports) that it refers entirely to Lollius' civil life, his conduct as a 'iudex selectus' (Sat. 1. 4. 123), the last two lines being metaphorical. It must be allowed, however, that under the circumstances of Lollius, and seeing how lightly his military exploits would in that case be passed over, it would be a somewhat double-edged compliment

to speak of him as 'a great conqueror,' with the tacit addition of 'metaphorically and in a moral sense.'

44. **explicuit**, much like 'expedivit,' 'has carried safely through.' Livy has 'explicare fugam,' 1. 30.

45 to end. A picture of the ideal 'wise man'; cp. 2. 2. 17. Horace at once holds it out for Lollius' own contemplation, and suggests to his calumniators that such had been Lollius' real bearing in his province.

ODE X

'THE day will come, Ligurinus, when your youthful good looks will pass away, and you will repent that you ever gave yourself such airs on the strength of them.'

Metre—*Second Asclepiad*.

2. **pluma**, 'down,' of the first beard. No other instance of the use is quoted. Dacier understood it as = 'penna,' 'when your youthful pride shall take to itself wings.' Bentley wished to read 'bruma.'

superbiae is the dative with 'veniet,' and probably, as the collocation shows, also with 'insperata,' 'shall come to thy pride, though it dreams not of it.'

3. **deciderint**, i. e. shall have been cut, the sign of manhood.

ODE XI

'MY wine is ready, and we are all astir preparing the feast; for it is the Ides of April, Maecenas' birthday. Come, then, Phyllis, and keep it with me; never mind Telephus. What are such ambitious loves to you? Come, thou last of my flames (it shall be so, I swear), come, and let us sing together.'

Compare 3. 28, where he invites Lyde to spend the Neptunalia with him. The point of this Ode seems to lie, not in the invitation to Phyllis, which is only an incident in the holiday-keeping, but in the occasion, Maecenas' birthday.

Whether the Ode was written at the time of the leading Odes of the Book is perhaps more than we can say; but it characterizes fitly the relations of the poet and his early patron at that time.

See *Intro.* to the Book.

1. Alban ranked among the better Italian wines; Sat. 2. 8. 16. It was a strong wine that bore a good deal of keeping.

3. **apium**; 1. 36. 16, 2. 7. 24. For the dative of the gerundive see *Madv.* § 415.

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4. **vis**, a 'quantity'; so in prose Cic. Tusc. 5. 32. 91 'magna auri argentique.'

5. **crinis religata** means 'with her hair bound in a knot' (I. 5. 11, 2. 11. 23); so that 'qua' must be constructed with 'fulges,' or rather, we must understand from 'crinis religata fulges,' that the hair was to be garlanded as well as tied in a knot.

fulges, either the future of the archaic form 'fulgo-is,' Virg. Aen. 6. 826 'quas fulgere cernis,' or the present of the more common verb, meaning, 'with which you always look so well.'

6. **ridet**, used of anything pleasant and cheerful, to whatever sense it appeals. Catull. 64. 284, of a pleasant scent, 'Quo permulsa domus iucundo risit odore'; Ov. Met. 15. 204, of bright colours, 'florumque coloribus almus Risit ager'; Lucr. 5. 1003, of sparkling water, 'ridentibus undis.'

ara, a temporary altar of turf; 3. 8. 3.

7. **verbenis**; see on I. 19. 13.

8. **spargier**, the only instance in the Odes of this archaic form of the infin.

9. **cuncta manus**, the slaves at the Sabine farm.

10. **puellae**, it is noticed that the word is not elsewhere used as = 'ancillae,' slave-girls.

11. **trepidant**, as though, for all their speed, they could not whirl the smoke up the chimney fast enough. Cp. 'obliquo laborat Lympha fugax trepidare rivo,' 2. 3. 11.

12. **vertice**, ablative of the manner, 'in a whirling column.' It is otherwise understood as a local ablative, either = 'in vertice suo,' Ritter, of smoke 'on the top' of a spiral flame, or = 'in vertice aedium.' The genitive in this latter case could hardly be omitted.

13. **ut noris**, the purpose of the forthcoming statement; see on 4. 9. 1.

tamen, 'so much your eyes will tell you; still, as you may not know what the cause of all the preparations is.'

15. **Veneris marinae**; 3. 26. 5, and cp. 1. 4. 5. Venus was associated with the spring ('It Ver et Venus'), and especially with the month of April (see Ov. Fast. 4, especially vv. 14, 60, 61, 85 foll.), the name of which was often wrongly connected with ἀφρός, ἀφροδίτη.

16. **findit**, with reference to the etymology of 'Idus,' 'the division' of the month.

18. **ex hac luce**, reckons from this day the years as they are added to his tale; counts them by this day; begins a new year on this day.

21. **Telephum**; see on I. 13. 1, 3. 19, Intro.

22. **non tuae sortis**, 'not of your condition,' 'in a different rank to you'; it qualifies 'iuvenem,' not 'puella,' which has its own adjectives. 'He is out of your sphere, and he has found a love that suits his tastes.'

25. There is a half comic irony in the array of mythological

instances of the folly of misplaced ambition. Cp. Od. i. 16, 2. 4, Epod. 3. The practical moral drawn is the same as that drawn by the Chorus from Io's sufferings, Aesch. Pr. V. 890 τὸ κηδεῦσαι καθ' ἑαυτὸν ἀρριστεύει μακρῶ.

27. *gravatus* = 'indignatus,' 'ill brooking.'

34. *condisce*, 'learn a song,' to sing when you come; or, more probably, as though she were already present, 'let me teach you.'

ODE XII

'WINTER is past, and Spring reigns again. The ice is gone, the swallow builds, shepherds sing their songs in the open air. Come, then, Vergilius, and inaugurate the thirsty season with a cask of the best wine I can get you. But you shall not come empty-handed; you bring the ointment if I find the wine. Above all, come with a mind void of care, and prepared for free enjoyment.'

The chief interest of the Ode centres in the question to whom it was addressed. Is it a playful letter actually sent by Horace on some occasion to the great poet, and published six years after his death, not so much for its intrinsic merits as for its reminiscences of their friendship? On this theory (and it was held by Bentley), we may expect there to be allusions in it which are now unintelligible, though they would probably be well understood by Maecenas and the many survivors of the literary circle in which Virgil and Horace met. Döring, who takes this view, points out that the images of the first three stanzas have a special appropriateness as addressed to a poet, and the poet of the *Bucolics* and *Georgics*. The chief difficulties in the way of the theory, apart from the absence of any tradition on the subject (for the Scholiasts all imagine some other Vergilius to be intended), lie in expressions of v. 15 '*iuvenum nobilium cliens*,' and v. 25 '*studium lucri*.' Of course these can be disposed of as covering meanings to which we have lost the key; but it is rather hard to imagine any possible meanings. '*Pone moras et studium lucri*,' is exactly the style in which Horace would address one of his ordinary friends engaged in the common pursuits of the day; but what can it mean addressed to Virgil? We cannot really refer it to the proposed exchange of wine for nard, and take it to mean, 'Don't haggle about the bargain.' '*Iuvenum nobilium cliens*,' again, is natural enough and complimentary enough, when some special '*iuvenes nobiles*,' as Drusus and Tiberius, are in Horace's poetical favour, when the fact of the dependency is notorious, and the point is the nobility, in the best sense, of the patrons; but at what period of Virgil's life could it have sounded like a compliment? Maclean is content with the Scholiast's suggestion that Augustus and Maecenas are the '*iuvenes*'; but he can scarcely have really thought that the possibility of such an expression was proved by Horace's calling

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Augustus 'iuvenis' in 1. 2. 41. There is, perhaps, a small indication that the Ode was written near the same time as the last, in the parallel expressions 'Ut tamen noris quibus advoceris Gaudii,' 11. 13; 'Ad quae si properas gaudia,' 12. 21. The Scholiasts and inscriptions of MSS. call Vergilius 'unguentarius,' 'mercator,' 'negotiator,' 'medicus Neronum.' All look as if they were inferences more or less clumsy from words of the Ode itself; but the general impression, in spite of the temptation to identify him with the only well-known Vergilius, that he was a different and later person, is of some value.

The substance of the Ode is very parallel to one of Catullus (13), in which he bids Fabullus come to supper, and bring with him all the materials save the unguent, which he will supply himself, and which he promises shall be so delicious that Fabullus will wish that he were all nose.

Metre—*Fourth Asclepiad*.

1. **veris comites**, the north winds, as appears from the epithet 'Thraciae,' the designation of the Greek poets for the wind, which to them really blew from Thrace; ἀπὸ Στρυνμόνος, Aesch. Agam. 192. Columella (11. 2. 21) speaks of the north winds as blowing generally for a month from Feb. 20, and as bearing the name of 'Ornithiae,' 'tum et hirundo venit.' Cp. v. 5.

temperant, 'calm' the sea, after its winter disturbance.

6. **infelix avis**. It is difficult to say whether the swallow (Epp. 1. 7. 13 'Cum Zephyris . . . et hirundine prima') or the nightingale (ἦρος ἄγγελος ἱμερόφωνος ἀηδών, Sapph. Fr. 42) is meant. The legend is told in various ways, some poets making Procne the mother of Itys, and some Philomela; see Conington, Virg. E. 6. 78. As Ovid tells it at length (Met. 6. 424 foll.), Procne was the daughter of Pandion, king of Athens ('Cecropiae domus,' v. 6), and married to Tereus, a Thracian prince. To avenge her sister Philomela, whom he had outraged, she served up to her husband the flesh of their child Itys, and when he would have taken vengeance on her, the sisters were changed, one into a swallow, the other into a nightingale, Tereus himself into a hoopoe.

7. **male**, with 'ulta,' 'cruelly,' 'unnaturally.'

barbaras regum. The plural generalizes—an act of lust such as barbarian princes used to commit; the poetical transference of the epithet from 'regum' to 'libidines,' does not separate it from the princes, but connects it more closely with their acts. They were true barbarians: their acts were those of barbarians.

9. **dicunt . . . carmina fistula**. Cp. 3. 4. 1 'dic . . . tibia . . . melos.'

11. **deum**, Pan.

nigri, covered with black woods; 'nigris Erymanthi silvis,' 1. 21. 7. Erymanthus is one of the 'hills of Arcadia'; others are Lycaeus, 1. 17. 2, Maenalus, Virg. E. 8. 22.

14. **pressum Calibus**; 1. 20. 9, 1. 31. 9.

ducere; 1. 17. 22.

15. *iuvenum nobilium cliens*; see *Introd.*

17. *nardi parvus onyx*. 'Onyx' is properly a kind of marble or alabaster, so named from its resemblance in colour to the human nail; then a cup or box, first, of this material; lastly, it would seem, of any material. See *Prop.* 3. 10. 22 '*murreus onyx*'; '*unguenta optime servantur in alabastris*,' *Plin. N. H.* 13. 3; cp. the ἀλάβαστρον μύρον νάρδου πιστικῆς of *St. Mark* xiv. 3. *Dill.*, who explains '*studium lucri*' in v. 25, of the bargain between the wine and the nard, quotes the story in the Gospels, as showing the costliness of the nard ('300 denarii' = between £9 and £10), for which he also refers to *Pliny* 12. 26, 13. 2, 16. 59.

18. *Sulpiciis horreis*. 'Horrea' were 'store-houses' of any kind; see on 3. 28. 7. Here the reference is either to vaults where wine was to be bought, or, less likely, to the store-houses in which, in later times, we hear of persons keeping their property of various kinds for which they had not room at home. The name '*Sulpiciis*' would refer to the original erector of the buildings, or possibly, to the possessor, the produce of whose farm and vineyard was disposed of in this way. *Orelli* quotes an inscription which makes mention of some '*hōrrea Galbana*,' which would very probably be the same as the '*Sulpicia*,' since '*Galba*' was a cognomen of the gens *Sulpicia*; and *Porph.* asserts that the name '*Galbae horrea*' belonged in his time to a certain store of wine and oil, &c. The form '*Sulpiciis*' is regular: cp. '*Corneliae, Iuliae, leges*'; '*Licinia atria*,' *Cic. pro Quinct.* 3. 12.

19. *donare largus*; *Append.* 2, § 2.

amara curarum, as '*vanis rerum*,' *Sat.* 2. 2. 25, '*abditā rerum*,' *A. P.* 49.

21. *gaudia*; 4. 11. 13.

22. *merce*, i.e. the nard.

23. *immunem* = ἀσύμβολον; in *Ter. Phorm.* 2. 2. 25 '*Ten' asymbolum venire!*' 'without bringing your share.'

24. *plena*, as 2. 12. 24 '*Plenas Arabum domos*.'

25. *verum* seems to draw attention to the last and most urgent request.

studium lucri; see *Introd.*

26. *nigrorum*, of the fires of the funeral pile, as *Virg. Aen.* 11. 186 '*ignes atri*.'

28. *in loco*, ἐν καιρῷ, the fitting time; *Epp.* 1. 7. 57 '*properare loco et cessare*.'

ODE XIII

'THE gods have heard my prayers, Lyce. I have my revenge. You are turning into an old woman, yet would fain hide it, and drink and play and love as ever. Love turns away from your

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wrinkles ; nor will purple gauzes and jewellery bring back your youth. Where is the beauty that I remember, the charms which made you second only to Cinara ?—Cinara, who died in her prime, while you live on for ever, for young men to moralize on and laugh at.'

The Ode seems to be a sequel to 3. 10, in which he complained of Lyce's high airs, and warned her not to try her lover's patience too long. Notice that this fact, of a literary purpose, goes some way to relieve us from the necessity of supposing the Ode to express personal feeling.

Metre—*Fifth Asclepiad*.

2. **fis anus . . . vis formosa**. There can hardly but be a play on the sound of the two antithetical words 'fis,' 'vis.'

8. **excubat in genis**, 'keeps vigil on her beautiful cheeks.' Probably a reminiscence of Soph. Ant. 782 "Ερωσ . . . | ὅς ἐν μαλακαῖς παρειαῖς | νεάνιδος ἐννυχεύεις : the metaphor there is sustained.

9. **importunus**, 'rudely,' 'ruthlessly,' very like 'improbus' in its uses.

aridas quercus, the metaphor is suggested in 'virentis Chiaë' ; cp. 1. 25. 19. The oak is chosen as a long-lived tree.

10. **et**, as Dill^r. points out, has a consecutive force, and shows the application of the metaphor 'and so' ; cp. 1. 3. 8, 2. 2. 10.

te . . . te. 'Te' in both cases has to do double duty, as the object both of 'refugit' and of 'turpant.'

12. **capitis nives**. Quintil. 8. 6. 17, gives this as an instance of a harsh metaphor : 'dura id est a longinqua similitudine ducta translatio.' He is speaking of oratory rather than poetry, and the metaphor has a special appropriateness here, as giving another image of winter ; but, as Maclean observes, it is sufficiently obvious to be current in all languages.

13. **Coae purpuræ** ; Sat. 1. 2. 102 ; see Paley's note on Prop. 1. 2. 2. A much-valued silk, of light, gauzy texture, from the looms of Cos, one of the Sporades just S.W. of Halicarnassus.

14. **cari**, 'precious,' 'costly' ; Ov. A. A. 3. 129 'Vos quoque non caris auris onerate lapillis.' Some good MSS. have 'clari.'

15. **notis condita fastis inclusit**. The words convey a double notion : the years which are gone are stored safely where they cannot be got back again, and where all can read the record of their number. **fastis**, the calendar.

18. **illius, illius**, of the Lyce I remember.

20. **surpuerat**, a colloquial syncopated form of 'surripuerat' : cp. Sat. 2. 3. 283, 'surpitem' ; and see on Od. 1. 36. 8.

21. 'Who reigned in Cinara's stead, a fair, fair face, queen of sweet arts,' Conington. 'Felix' = *μάκαιρα*, 'quam ut divam ac dominam suspiciebam.' For Cinara see Appendix I. 'Post Cinaram' may only mean 'after,' in order of precedence, as 'post Chloen,' 3. 9. 6. Bentley took 'nota artium' together on the analogy of

'notus animi paterni' in 2. 2. 6, and he has been followed by many editors. In this case 'et' must be taken as = 'etiam.' But if 'que et' in this sense is allowable, the emphasis so given is hard to justify, and the sentence is clumsy. It is better to take it in the simpler sense to which the rhythm leads us, 'felix, notaque, et artium gratarum facies.' 'Nota' will then mean (as Schütz) that her beauty was recognized, she was a general 'toast,' 'publica cura,' Od. 2. 8. 8. With 'artium facies' cp. 'centum puer artium' 4. 1. 15. In speaking of 'win-ome wiles,' his mind is perhaps going back to the wiles, which now are not winsome, of one who 'vult formosa videri.' Both 'felix' and 'nota' agree with 'quae,' sc. Lyce, 'facies' being substituted as the subject only in the last clause. Cp. Epod. 5. 73 'Vare . . . O multa fleturum caput.'

24. **parem**, 'to match the years' of the crow; 'annosa cornix,' 3. 17. 13.

26. **fervidi**, their hearts still warm with youth and passion, to heighten the contrast of the cold, burnt-out torch, that can no longer kindle love.

28. **dilapsam**. This seems to have been the reading of Acron, though the MS. authority is rather in favour of 'delapsam'; the confusion is very common. As Bentley points out, the difference of the image is between a torch burnt down to a heap of ugly ashes ('consumpta in cinerem,' Acr.), and of one 'tumbled in the ashes';—what ashes it would not be quite clear.

ODE XIV

'How can senate and people worthily honour thy virtues, Augustus, and transmit their memory to all time? The triumphs of the Nero brothers—of Drusus over the Vindelici, Genauni, and Breuni, of Tiberius over the Raeti—are all owing to thy auspices. How terrible was Tiberius in the pursuit; as the south wind on the waters, or as the river Aufidus when it pours in a torrent from the hills down on the plain! Thine were the plan and provision of the campaign, thine its divinely-ordered success, for the victory came on a day already noteworthy for thy happy fortune—just fifteen years after the capture of Alexandria. Thy reign has been a series of triumphs, and now all the world is at thy feet.'

For some account of Tiberius' campaign in B.C. 15 see Introd. to the Book.

1. **patrum . . . Quiritium**. Horace analyzes and gives a poetical form to the common formula for the authority by which such titles or honours would be conferred, S. P. Q. R.

2. **plenis** = 'iustis,' 'adequate.' No heaping upon him of offices

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and honorary titles will be sufficient for his merits. The force of the adjective must overflow on the other clauses, as the general thought is, 'how can we adequately honour you now, or secure you the immortality of honour which you deserve?' A genitive of the object with 'munus' is not common; but cp. 1. 28. 3 'pulveris exigui munera.'

4. **titulos**, inscriptions on monuments and public buildings; 4. 8. 13.

memores fastos; 3. 17. 4.

5. **aeternet**, an archaic word, found in a fragment of Varro.

qua = 'over the whole space in which.' Ov. Met. 1. 241 'qua terra patet fera regnat Erinnyes,' Virg. Aen. 7. 99 'nepotes Omnia sub pedibus, qua Sol utrumque recurrens Aspicit Oceanum, vertique regique videbunt.'

habitabilis oras: a translation of ἡ οἰκουμένη.

6. **maxime principum**, not as though 'princeps' had yet become a general title for a ruler in any time or people, as we might say 'greatest of princes,' but only a hyperbolical form of 'maxime princeps.' It is himself and his own office that is generalized: Horace cannot conceive a greater than him in his own character. For the title 'princeps' see on 1. 2. 50.

7. **quem . . . didicere . . . quid posses**, a familiar idiom in Greek, Soph. O. T. 15 ὅρᾱς μὲν ἡμᾶς ἡλίκοι προσήμεθα, the subject of the subordinate verb being attracted into the accusative, as though it were the direct object of the leading verb. It is imitated frequently by Terence, as in Eun. 3. 5. 18 'me noris quam elegans siem,' Madv. § 439, obs. 1. The general expression 'didicere quid posses' answers to 4. 4. 25-27 'sensere quid . . . posset.'

9. **milite tuo**; cp. v. 33.

10. **Genaunos, Breunos**, two Raetian tribes. The name of the first is thought to be still traced in the Val di Non, which runs N.W. from the valley of the Adige at S. Michele, half-way between Trent and Botzen; the second in the name of the Brenner Pass itself, and the town of Brunecken.

implacidum, a word not found before Horace.

11. **veloces**, moving swiftly from place to place.

13. **deiecit**, a word specially applicable to the forts built on the brink of precipices (v. 12); so that it has here something of the effect of a zeugma, though it is a usual word for 'dislodging' an enemy. Epp. 2. 2. 30.

plus vice simplici. 'Quia dupla quam dederant clade perculsi sunt,' Porph., 'with more than a bare requital ("vicem reddere"),' 'with heavy interest.' It corresponds to 'sine clade,' v. 32. Lambinus understood it as = 'more than once.' 'Plus' = 'plus quam'; cp. 1. 13. 20 'suprema citius die,' 'sooner than on the last day.'

14. **maior Neronum**, Tiberius; see *Intro.* to the Book.

17. **spectandus . . . quantis**, θαυμαστός . . . ὅσοις, a brachylogy less common in Latin than in Greek. For its *effect* in bringing the relative clause into closer relation with the leading clause we may

compare I. 33. 1 'doleas . . . cur . . . praeniteat'; for the *method* we may compare v. 7 of this Ode, inasmuch as the passive 'spectandus quantis,' &c., implies a possible active, 'spectare aliquem quantis,' &c. For the violation of the usual caesura see Index of Metres.

18. **devota morti liberae** = 'libere,' they gave themselves freely to death, stood to be killed; or = 'the death of freemen,' death in preference to bondage.

19. **ruinis**, 'shocks,' as of an earthquake.

20. **indomitas**, 'tameless.' The simile is double: the freedom and obstinacy of the waters, the fierce rushes and persistence of the south wind. We need not press the epithet to a contradiction, as Bentley's too logical criticism does, as though it would require that Tiberius should not have conquered the Raeti. The simile depends grammatically on what follows, the construction being 'qualis Auster exercet undas [ita . . . tali modo] impiger hostium vexare turmas,' 'impiger,' &c., grammatically again, qualifying 'fatigaret.'

prope qualis. This abatement of the similitude has been complained of (perhaps hypercritically) as more suitable to prose, and so to poems 'sermoni propiora' as Sat. 2. 3. 268 'tempestatis prope ritu mobilia.'

22. **scindente nubes**, 'when they shine through torn clouds.' The expression combines, in a vague way, the ideas of the *date*, 'when Pleiads are specially noticeable' (the time meant may be near either equinox; see Dict. Ant. Pleiades, s.v. Astronomia), and of *stormy weather*, 'when the sky is full of broken clouds.' Orelli takes 'scindente' of their opening the clouds, i. e. letting the rain fall.

23. **vexare**; 3. 2. 3. For inf. see App. 2, § 2.

24. **per ignis**. Bentley, as usual, is far better than his critics. His way out of the difficulty, by substituting conjecturally 'ensis,' is not one in which we can follow him. But he disposes, in advance, of all the parallels which are still quoted on the view that the expression is metaphorical = 'per medium ardorem pugnae,' Com. Cruq. One class, such as Virgil's 'medias acies mediosque per ignis,' Aen. 7. 296, indicate the direct opposite, for they refer to the literal fires of Troy; and Silius' imitations (14. 175 and 15. 41) are just the same—the fires are as literal as the swords. The other class, such as Horace's own 'per mare . . . per saxa, per ignis,' Epp. 1. 1. 46; 'ignis Per medios fluviosque ruentis,' Sat. 2. 3. 56, establish the proverbial use of 'fire,' as one among many metaphors of extreme dangers or obstacles; but do not parallel the substitution of 'to ride his horse through the middle of the fire,' for 'through the hottest fight.' We have gone too far in the sentence with unmetaphorical language, to tolerate being pulled up suddenly by a bold metaphor. The fires may well be the burning villages of the Raeti through which Tiberius forced his way.

25. **sic volvitur**. The simile is Homeric: Il. 5. 87. Horace particularizes the river of his own birthplace; see on I. 22. 13.

tauriformis, according to the common representation of rivers

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in poetical language and in works of art (see Orelli's and Ritter's notes). Eur. Ion 1261 ὁ ταυρόμορφον ὄμμα Κηφισοῦ πατρός, Virg. G. 4. 371 'Et gemina auratus taurino cornua vultu Eridanus,' Aen. 8. 77 'Corniger Hesperidum fluvijs regnator aquarum.' It is a disputed question whether the original idea was of the horn-like branchings of a river, or of its violence, or of its roaring; μεμνκῶς ἥντε ταῦρος, Hom. Il. 21. 237, of the Xanthus. Cp. 'longe sonans,' of the Aufidus, 4. 9. 2. But whatever was its origin, Horace probably feels the image suggested by the epithet through the following lines; so that there is almost a simile within the simile. Tiberius is like the Aufidus in flood: the Aufidus is like a bull charging down the mountain side.

26. **Dauni Apuli**; 3. 30. 10.

praeffluit; 4. 3. 10.

28. **meditatur**. The good MSS. are divided between this word and 'minitatur.' Porph. read 'meditatur,' and Servius quotes it to illustrate Georg. 3. 153. 'Minitatur' is the most likely to have been a gloss. The true answer to Porph.'s criticism '*male dixit meditatur quia in ipso actu est nec debet cogitare aut condiscere quod iam facit*,' seems to be that the image is not of the river actually flooding the lowlands, but of the boiling waters of its upper course filling its channel to the brim, and threatening a flood to the lower levels.

30. **diruit**. This verb, more commonly used of laying buildings in ruin, is justified here, on the one side, by the image of the river, ὅς τ' ὄκα ῥέων ἐκέδασσε γεφύρας (Hom. l. c.); on the other, by the epithet of 'agmina'; the 'steelclad lines' are looked at as fortifications which were to be levelled.

31. **primos et extremos**, all alike, first rank and last rank.

metendo; Virg. Aen. 10. 513 '*proxima quaeque metit gladio*.' In Hom. Il. 11. 67 it is a complete simile: οἱ δ', ὥς τ' ἀμνηῆρες ἐναντίου ἀλλήλοισιν | ὄγμον ἐλαύνουσιν, κτλ.

32. **stravit humum**, 'strewed the ground.' The ablative of the harvest with which he strewed it, is to be gathered from 'metendo,' &c.

sine clade, i. e. without loss of his own troops; v. 13. There is this force also in the preceding metaphors: the enemy went down before him like corn before a mower.

33. Horace returns to the praises of Augustus. With **consilium** cp. 4. 4. 75 '*curae sagaces*.'

copias; see above v. 9.

34. **divos**; v. 16 '*auspiciis secundis*.' The 'auspicia' belonged to the emperor: it was his '*felicitas*' that was in question. Tiberius and Drusus were only his 'legati.'

tibi, quo die, &c. The meaning is, that this war was brought to an end just fifteen years after Augustus' victorious entry into Alexandria. This took place on the Kalends of August, B. C. 30. Whether we are to press the words 'quo die' to mean on the very same day of the year, there is nothing to determine.

35. **supplex** ; cp. 'genibus minor,' Epp. 1. 12. 28.

36. **vacuam**, the palace left empty by the death of Antony and Cleopatra ; see 1. 37.

39, 40. **laudem . . . et . . . decus**. The purpose of the doubled substantive is to call attention to the two aspects of the victory, especially the second one: it was 'glorious,' and it was a 'coveted distinction' 'added' (for the use of 'arrogavit' cp. Epp. 2. 1. 35) to what had gone before. That 'imperiiis' refers to 'past campaigns,' not to the commands of Augustus, which have been successfully carried out in this one, is evident from what follows. The succeeding stanzas are expansions of 'peracta imperia.'

41. **Cantaber** ; see Introd. to Books i-iii, 1. § 6.

42. **Medus**, the Parthians ; 4. 15. 6, Epp. 1. 18. 56.

Indus . . . Scythes ; Carm. Saec. 55, 56, Suet. Oct. 21. Augustus (Mon. Ancyr. c. 31) claims to have received more than once embassies from India. See also on Od. 2. 9. 23, 3. 29. 28.

profugus ; 1. 35. 9, 3. 24. 9.

43. **praesens** ; 3. 5. 2. Here, probably, the immediate contrast is between distant nations, who have to send from the ends of the earth to solicit Augustus' favour, and Italy and Rome, to which he is an abiding presence of protection.

44. **dominae** ; 4. 3. 13 'Romae principis urbium.'

45. **fontium qui celat origines**. This applies of course primarily to the Nile, the source of whose waters was a world-old problem (Herod. 2. 28) ; but the position of the copulatives seems to show that the Danube is included. Herodotus (2. 33) imagines it to be the exact counterpart of the Nile, and the correspondence was extended by others to this special point. Sen. Quaest. Nat. 4. 1 'Danuvium (Nilo) similem natura philosophi tradiderunt, quod et fontis ignoti et aestate quam hieme maior sit,' Auson. Epigr. 4. 1 'Danuvius penitis caput occultatus in oris.' The rivers stand for their respective countries—Egypt, Dacia, Armenia (Epp. 1. 12. 26). The force of the epithet 'qui celat,' &c., is to point the distance to which Augustus' rule extends. It spreads up rivers whose source no traveller has explored.

47. **beluosus** ; 3. 27. 26 'scatentem Beluis pontum.' Cp. 1. 3. 18. The adjective is found in no other good author. There is possibly real reference in this case to the whales of the northern seas. Britain was not in the reign of Augustus in any sense reduced, but the princes of different tribes had sent embassies to him with presents and professions of friendship ; Strabo, 4. 5. 3.

49. **non paventis funera** ; Caes. B. G. 6. 14, Lucan. 1. 454 'quos ille timorum Maximus haud urget, leti metus : inde ruendi in ferrum mens prona viris animaeque capaces Mortis et ignavum rediturae parcere vitae.' The variant 'paventes' is found in a few MSS. It is preferred by Bentley, on the ground that the variety 'Galliae (plur. nom. as in Suet. Jul. 49 'Gallias Caesar subegit,' and commonly) non paventes, duraeque tellus Iberiae,' is more Horatian than two genitives dependent on 'tellus.'

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50. *audit*, 'obeys.'

51. *Sygambri* ; 4. 2. 36, *Intro.* to Book.

52. *compositis*, 'laid to rest.'

ODE XV

'WARLIKE victories, after all, are what Phoebus forbade me to sing of. The glory of Caesar's reign is not war ; but peace, plenty, the standards recovered from Parthia, and the gate of Janus closed—morality and the old character that gave Rome her empire restored. While Caesar guards us, there is no fear that citizen will lift hand in civil war, or Dacian, Mede, or Scythian in foreign war. For us, every day over the cheerful family board, when the due libations have been made to the gods, we will sing, as our fathers sang before us, of the great captains of past time, and of the house of Anchises and Venus.'

We can hardly doubt that the Ode is intended as an epilogue to the Book, the final answer to Augustus' request. It has been supposed by many editors to carry internal evidence of having been composed as late as B. C. 10. The sole argument is the mention in v. 9 of the closing of the temple of Janus, which was taken to refer to the third closing in Augustus' reign, which has been placed in that year. Franke shows that the evidence even of this date is very doubtful, and in any case it is admitted that the gate was closed in the years 29 and 25, and there is no word in the Ode to fix the reference to a third closing.

2. *increpuit lyra*, in the common sense of 'increpare,' 'to reprove,' but with reference to its original meaning, 'to make a noise at,' 'thundered at me on his lyre.' This mode of taking the words is rendered certain by Ovid, A. A. 2. 493 '*Haec ego cum canerem, subito manifestus Apollo Movit inauratae pollice fila lyrae,*' &c. All the Scholiasts took '*lyra*' with '*loqui*,' and Ritter, of modern editors, follows them. The general image is from Virg. E. 6. 3 '*Cum canerem reges et proelia, Cynthia aurem Vellit et admonuit.*'

3. *Tyrrhenum*, apparently of a large and wide sea. Virgil had before used the image of a poet's ventures, G. 2. 41 '*pelagoque volans da vela patenti,*' and Ovid follows, Trist. 2. 328 '*Non ideo debet pelago se credere, si qua Audet in exiguo ludere cymba lacu.*'

5. The restoration of agriculture ; cp. 4. 5. 18.

6. *nostro*, opposed to the foreign gods, in whose temples they have been hanging hitherto. The standards taken at Carrhae were restored in B. C. 20 ; cp. Epp. 1. 18. 56.

9. *Ianum Quirini*. As Bentley shows, the usual name of this gateway (translated on the Mon. Ancyr. by *πύλην Ἐννάλιον*), which

was opened in time of war and closed in time of peace, was 'Ianus Quirinus,' 'Quirinus' being apparently an adjective, as in 'Ianus Geminus,' 'Ianus Iunonius,' &c. It is open therefore to suppose either that the genitive was used indifferently with the adjective as = 'of Romulus' (to whom the worship of Janus was attributed), 'of Rome,' 'Roman,' or that Horace consciously varies the usual form, as he does technical expressions so often; see on 3. 5. 42.

10. *frena licentiae iniecit*; 3. 24. 29.

12. *artis*. For the use of the word cp. 3. 3. 9 'Hac arte Pollux,' &c., and Sall. Cat. 2. 4 'Imperium facile his artibus retinetur quibus initio partum est.' They are the virtues of old Roman life celebrated in 3. 1-6. As Kritz explains on the passage in Sallust, the word only = 'studia ac mores,' and must draw its positive colour from the context. If the end proposed were bad, 'artes' would be vices.

14. *imperi*; see on 1. 2. 26.

15. *ortus*. There is a v. l. of less authority, 'ortum.' It is a case clearly where either singular or plural is admissible, and where variety is quite a sufficient motive to account for their interchange. Bentley quotes Sall. Cat. 36 'cum ad occasus ab ortu solis omnia domita armis parerent.'

17. *custode*; 3. 14. 15, 4. 5. 1.

18. *exiget*, in its simple sense, 'drive out,' as 2. 13. 31 'exactos tyrannos.'

20. *miseras*, proleptically, 'to their misery.'

inimicat, 'sets at variance,' a word, apparently, as Porph. tells us ('fictum verbum est'), coined by Horace.

21. For the form of expression see on 3. 10. 1; cp. 2. 20. 20 'Rhodani potor.' The peoples meant may be either the Vindelici (4. 4. 18), against whom Tiberius had won some victories, or the Daci (3. 6. 13, Virg. G. 2. 497 'coniurato descendens Dacus ab Histro'), who used to be spoken of as dangerous in the early years of Augustus' reign.

22. *edicta Iulia*. We must no more look for a technical meaning in 'edicta,' than for exact historical facts to correspond with the general statement. 'Edictum,' though limited very much in use to the praetor's edicts, was a general term for any command issued by a magistrate. The form of the phrase is intended to recall 'leges Iuliae,' the name which covered the domestic legislation of Augustus as well as Julius. The substance, so far as it had any which can be realized, would be terms of peace, which Augustus has imposed on the various nations.

Getae; see *Intro.* to Books i-iii, 1. § 7.

23. *Seres*; see on 1. 12. 56.

infidi Persae; Epp. 2. 1. 112 'Parthis mendacior.'

24. A paraphrase for 'Scythae'; 3. 29. 28.

25. *nosque*, 'and for us, we,' &c.

28. *apprecati*, only found in this place, and twice in Apuleius.

29. **virtute functos**, 'who have lived their lives like men.' Horace adapts the use of 'functus vita,' 'functus laboribus,' 'whose labours are over,' 2. 18. 38, of the dead, substituting a character of the life and its employments. Compare the prose expression in Cic. Tusc. 1. 45. 109 'nemo parum diu vixit qui virtutis perfecto functus est munere.'

more patrum, with 'canemus.' Cicero twice (Tusc. 1. 2. 3 and 4. 2. 3) quotes the authority of Cato's 'Origines' for such a custom in earlier generations: 'solitos in epulis canere convivas ad tibicinem de clarorum virorum virtutibus.'

30. **Lydis**. Possibly only a poetical epithet helping 'more patrum,' by suggesting the antiquity of the instrument; but in Epod. 9. 6 Horace seems to lay emphasis on a distinction of the Dorian and Phrygian modes, so that here he may designedly speak of the Lydian as the one most suitable for this occasion. In that case it may harmonize with the 'iocosi munera Liberi,' being classed by Plato (Rep. 3, p. 398) as one of the *μαλακαὶ καὶ ξυμποτικαὶ ἀρμονίαι*.

remixto; A. P. 151. The word is only found besides in two passages of Seneca.

32. **progeniem Veneris**; cp. C. S. 50 'Clarus Anchisae Venerisque sanguis.' So that their topics correspond to those of Od. 1. 12 (cp. 1. 12. 13 with v. 28 of this Ode): the gods, the heroes of Roman story, the Julian house, and Augustus its crowning glory.

CARMEN SAECULARE

'PHOEBUS and Diana, grant the prayers duly offered at this sacred season (v. 1-8).

O sun, ever changing yet ever the same, let Rome's pre-eminence be as changeless (v. 9-12).

Diana, birth goddess, guard our mothers (v. 13-16).

Bless our new marriage laws to the increase of our people, that each "saeculum" may find us still celebrating this festival (v. 17-24).

O Destinies, fulfil the happy oracles, and add future to past boons; Earth give us all her blessings (v. 25-32).

Apollo, hear us boys (v. 33, 34).

Diana, hear us girls (v. 35, 36).

If Rome is your creation, the remnant saved from Troy for Aeneas' piety, give our youth Aeneas' manners, and our old men his happy old age. Give Rome all blessings (v. 37-48).

And grant [this prayer seems rather to be addressed to Jupiter and Juno] the prayers now offered by Aeneas' great son (v. 49-52).

He has subdued the Mede, the Scyth, the Indian. He has restored peace and virtue and plenty (v. 52-60).

Phoebus, pleased with his Palatine temple, promises another lustrum and increasing years of prosperity (v. 61-68).

Diana listens to the Fifteen and to the chorus of boys and girls; and Jupiter and all the gods approve and join in their blessing' (v. 69-76).

The Ode is addressed in the first place—as we see in its first and last words, and in Od. 4. 6, which belongs to it—to Apollo and Diana. It was to be sung in the first place 'in Palatio,' after the sacrifice to them, which was meant to be the crown and most characteristic feature of the festival. But it also is evidently intended to gather up and enforce the ideas of the whole celebration. We are reminded of the prayers offered on the three nights to the Ilithyiae, the Moerae or Parcae, and Demeter. It would be strange if it omitted the great deities worshipped especially on the Capitoline, to whom the ceremonies of the first and second day were dedicated, especially as we know from the inscription that in some way or other the hymn was sung also in the Capitol. Mommsen pointed out that vv. 49-52 must belong to them, inasmuch as the inscription speaks of oxen as being the sacrifice offered to them (cp. Sibyll. 12-16, which adds that the oxen were white), whereas the offering on the Palatine to Apollo and Diana consisted of cakes. He goes further, and interprets the whole passage from v. 37 to v. 52

as addressed to them, and imagines the Ode to have been sung processionally, begun and ended on the Palatine, these middle stanzas being the part sung on the Capitoline. It is difficult to see how the words of the inscription 'eodemque modo in Capitolio' can describe such a division of the Ode. Their natural interpretation is of a complete repetition. And indeed it is not true, as Mommsen supposes, that this passage of the Ode, and no other, belongs to the Capitoline deities. There is a symmetry which he does not notice between the earlier part of the Ode which consists of prayer, and the latter part (v. 53 to the end) in which the chorus assures itself that its prayers are heard and granted. In both cases the deities put in the foreground are Apollo and Diana, but in both cases the reference to them generalizes, so that they seem to become representatives of the whole company of gods, and the last stanza in each case indicates or names Jove.

1. *silvarum potens*; Od. 1. 3. 1 'potens Cypri.' For this attribute of Diana cp. Od. 1. 21. 5, 3. 22. 1, Virg. Aen. 9. 405, &c., Catull. 34. 9 foll.

5. *Sibyllini versus*. The books which were reported to have been bought of the Sibyl by Tarquin had been destroyed in the burning of the temple of Jupiter Capitolinus, B. C. 82; but a fresh collection of Sibylline prophecies had been made. Augustus had caused them to be examined, and many that were deemed spurious to be burnt. The remainder were deposited by him in two gilt cases at the base of Apollo's statue in his temple on the Palatine (Suet. Oct. 31). They were in the keeping of the 'quindecimviri' (see on v. 70), who alone were allowed to read them.

6. Both epithets apply to each substantive; see on Od. 3. 4. 18, 4. 9. 29. In the inscription they are described as 'patrimi et matrimi' (Zosimus, ἀμφιθαλείς ὅπερ ἐστὶν ἀμφοτέρους τοὺς γονεῖς ἔχοντες περιόιταις) by Zosimus as also ἐπιφανείς, and cp. Od. 4. 6. 31 'Virginum primae puerique claris Patribus orti.'

7. *placuerē*. The perfect is regular: 'in whose sight the seven hills have found favour.' It is more definite and final than 'placent.'

10. The connexion between the description and the prayer seems to be, 'unchangeable yourself, though you cause change and seem to change, give to the pre-eminence of Rome the same unchangeableness.'

13. *rite*, probably 'after thine office'; cp. Virg. Aen. 3. 36, 10. 254: for 'aperire lenis' see App. 2, § 2.

14. *Ilithyia*. The Greek goddess of birth, identified afterwards with Artemis. As we see in the inscription, and in Zosimus, sacrifice was offered on the second night to Ilithyia or the Ilithyiae, but here Horace seems to identify Ilithyia with Diana, for Lucina was one of her titles. Cp. Catull. 34. 13 'Tu Lucina dolentibus Iuno dicta puerperis.' 'Genitalis,' a title in itself intelligible, is not elsewhere given to her. The relation of stanzas 3 and 4, is pointed by the epithet with which stanza 3 begins: 'Alme Sol'; both deities are

addressed as in different ways 'life-giving' powers. Rome's greatness cannot be separated from the well-being and fruitfulness of Roman mothers. In the following stanza the prayer is applied specially to Augustus' legislative efforts to encourage legitimate marriage.

17. **produceas**, 'rear,' as *κουροτρόφος*, Hes. Theog. 452.

18-20. The reference is to the 'Lex Julia de maritandis ordinibus,' which appears to have been enacted in B.C. 18. Some uncertainty hangs over its provisions, for we do not know to what extent it was altered by the supplementary law which was passed in A.D. 9, in the consulship of M. Papius Mutilus and Q. Poppaeus Secundus, and which causes the whole measure to be cited as the 'Lex Iulia et Papia Poppaea.' It forbade marriage between persons of senatorian family and 'libertinae,' imposed penalties on celibacy (to the extent of the forfeiture of all bequests) and even on childless marriages in all ranks, and held out exemptions and rewards to the fathers of legitimate families. Dion briefly mentions its provisions 54. 16; on the whole matter see Merivale, c. 33, vol. iv, p. 85 foll. For another reference to Augustus' legislation on this subject see Od. 4. 5. 21, and cp. Od. 1. 2. 24.

19. **prolis feraci**; Od. 4. 4. 58 'feraci frondis in Algido': cp. 3. 6. 17 and inf. v. 29 'fertilis frugum.'

20. **marita**, as an adjective, 'the marriage law'; so Prop. 4. 11. 33 'facibus maritis,' Ov. Her. 12. 87 'sacris maritis.'

21. **certus . . . orbis**, 'that so the cycle may be unbroken, and there may never fail a thronging people to celebrate the secular games in the hundred and tenth year' (see Introd.). The place of 'frequentis' shows that it is emphatic.

22. For the position of **que** see on Od. 1. 30. 6.

23. **ter die claro**, i. e. on three successive days.

25. **veraces cecinisse**; see App. 2, § 2. The perfect tense, because he is concerned, not with their prophecies generally, but with their prophecies of Rome's destiny; see on 3. 4. 51.

Parcae; the Moerae or Parcae, as we have seen, were the deities honoured on the first night. In 'veraces cecinisse' there is perhaps special reference to the Sibylline prophecies.

26-28. The relative clause seems rightly taken by Ritter and Dill^r. with 'bona iungite fata,' in a similar construction to 'quod felix faustumque sit,' &c., 'As once and for aye has been promised—and Time's landmark, that may not be removed, protect the promise!—link happy destinies to those already accomplished.' In 'dictum est,' Horace is remembering the etymology of 'fatum.' In 'rerum Terminus' he is possibly thinking of the landmark of Roman empire that might never recede, and its pledge in the statue of Terminus, who would not give way even to Jupiter on the Capitol (Ov. Fast. 2. 667 foll.); but the metaphorical use occurs in Virg. Aen. 4. 614 'Et sic fata Iovis poscunt, hic terminus haeret,' where we have reminiscences of Accius, (481 Ribbeck) 'veter fatorum terminus,' and Lucr. 1. 78 'alte terminus haerens.'

26. **semel**; see on Od. 4. 3. 1.

27. **peractis**; Od. 4. 14. 39.

29. **fertilis frugum**; supra v. 19.

tellus. According to the inscription the sacrifice of the third night was to Terra mater (Zosimus, Δήμητρι).

30. In reference to the ceremonies of the Ambarvalia, the festival when the sickle was to be put to the corn; see the description in Tibull. 2. 1, and cp. v. 3 'Spicis tempora cinge, Ceres.' The Fratres Arvales wore as a badge of office a chaplet of wheat-ears; 'Spicea corona,' Plin. N. H. 18. 2.

32. **Iovis**, the god of the air; Od. 1. 1. 25, &c.

33. **condito telo**; Od. 2. 10. 19 'neque semper arcum Tendit Apollo.' His arrows carried pestilence (Hom. Il. 1. 50 foll.), so that it is a condition of the fulfilment of the prayer of the last stanza. Maclean remarks that the statues of Apollo Actiacus, which Augustus had dedicated in his new temple on the Palatine, represented him in a bard's dress and with a lyre, although on the promontory of Actium he stood with a drawn bow. Cp. Virg. Aen. 3. 274, 8. 704 with Propert. 3. 23. 5, 6 and 15. 16.

35. **bicornis** recalls her form as she is represented on medals, &c., with the crescent on her forehead.

37 foll. In the first clause the idea is put simply, 'Rome is your handiwork'; in the following clauses the same idea is suggested by the emphatic words 'Iliae' (Rome is a colony of Troy, and Apollo and Artemis were guardians of Troy), 'iussa,' 'sospite' (under divine safeguard), 'castus' (and so under the protection of the goddess of chastity). Compare with the whole Od. 3. 3. 18 foll. with the additional note at the end of it. There is the same contrast between the 'remnant' preserved and the guilty city destroyed: 'Castus . . . patriae superstes'; the rest were 'incesti' (see 3. 3. 19 and 23): there is the same emphasis on the fact that they were bidden as a condition of protection 'mutare Lares.' That there is a moral meaning here at least, is clear from the petition in which this appeal ends, 'Di probos mores,' &c., the character of Aeneas, not of Paris, and therefore the old age of Aeneas, not of Priam.

38. **litus Etruscum**; Od. 1. 2. 14, Epod. 16. 40.

39. **iussa**. By Apollo himself, Virg. Aen. 4. 345 'Sed nunc Italiam magnam Gryneus Apollo, Italiam Lyciae iussere capessere sortis.'

41. **sine fraude**; Od. 2. 19. 20.

44. **plura relictis**, 'more than all they left behind,' Rome instead of Troy.

45, 46. **docili, placidae**. Both are predicative, but some variety is obtained by their different relation to the accusative. The 'docility' is a condition of, or at least a prior gift to, the gift of 'honest lives' (cp. the address of Od. 3. 1. 4 'virginibus puerisque,' the unspoilt, who will listen); the 'calm' of temper follows the gift of external quiet.

47. **Romulae**; see Od. 4. 5. 1, and on 1. 15. 10. For the elision of 'que' at the end of the line cp. Od. 4. 2. 22, 23.

49. **quae veneratur**. 'Veneror' is used of prayer, as in Sat. 2. 2. 124, Virg. Aen. 3. 460; here, as in Sat. 2. 6. 8 'si veneror stultus nihil horum,' with an accusative of the thing prayed for.

bobus albis. The modal ablative would suit 'veneror' in its usual sense of 'to do homage to' (cp. e.g. Virg. Aen. 5. 745), better than in its sense, as here, of 'to pray.' As has been noticed, the mention of 'boves' as forming the sacrifice indicates that the chorus is addressing Jupiter and Juno.

50. **sanguis**; Od. 2. 20. 6, 3. 27. 65, 4. 2. 14.

51. **bellante prior**. This is part of the prayer, a picture of what Augustus desires to be, the picture drawn by Anchises in Virg. Aen. 6. 853 'Parcere subiectis et debellare superbos.'

54. **Medus**. This is after the restoration of the standards in B.C. 20; cp. Od. 4. 5. 6, 4. 14. 42, Epp. 1. 18. 56.

Albanas securis, the *fascēs*, the emblem of Roman rule. 'Alban' because of the connexion of the origin of Rome with Alba. It is not quite the same as Virgil's 'Albanique patres,' Aen. 1. 7; see Conington in loc.

55. **responsa**. This would be the usual word for any reply given to an embassy sent with a request or reference, as in Liv. 9. 38 'sine responso legatos dimisit.' Standing here alone, without mention of the 'legati,' it is meant probably to draw a more poetical colour from its use of the answers of gods, oracles, &c.; cp. Virg. E. 1. 44 'Hic mihi responsum primus dedit ille petenti.' For the fact see on Od. 2. 9. 23, 3. 29. 28, 4. 14. 42.

60. **cornu**; see on Od. 1. 17. 16.

65. **si**, with the indicative apodosis (see on v. 68), must='if, as doubtless he does.'

aras. This was the reading of V, and was found by Porph., who interprets 'si acceptas aras habet quae in Palatio dedicatae sunt.' B supports the vulg. 'arces.'

66. **felix**, better taken with 'Latium' than with 'lustrum.' It is not Rome and Latium that Apollo will prolong, but 'the state and power of Rome and the happiness of Latium.' It is still very likely that Horace remembered the conjunction of the words in Ennius' verses, 'Audire est operae pretium, procedere recte Qui rem Romanam Latiumque augescere vultis'; but even there 'Latiumque' is in its own clause, and not a bald addition to 'rem Romanam.'

67. **lustrum**; Od. 2. 4. 23. The period is named here clearly as the time for which nominally Augustus has reaccepted the 'Imperium'; see Intro.

meliusque, 'and for ages that grow ever better.'

68. **prorogat**. This, and the corresponding 'curat,' 'applicat,' are the readings of B and V, against the more common 'proroget,' 'curet,' 'applicet.' It would seem that the Scholiasts read the subjunctive in the first case, but the indicative in the other two;

for they explain that 'si,' from v. 65, must be repeated before 'curat' and 'applicat' (making them parallel with 'videt'), and the apodosis 'remque . . . aevum' understood again. 'Proroget' they interpret by 'prorogabit,' Acr. and 'melius saeculum futurum tribuet' (with a v. l. 'tribuat'), Porph. Their explanation clearly cannot stand; and, though Keller edits in accordance with their presumed reading, it is hard to see how the change of mood can be justified. The indicatives are accepted, among recent editors, by Dill^r., Ritter and Munro. Bentley argues strongly for them, pointing out that the time for urgent prayer and expostulation is past. The chorus has now assumed the tone of confidence and promise (according to the stages named in Epp. 2. 1. 134 'Poscit opem chorus et praesentia numina sentit'). The last stanza, 'Haec Iovem sentire,' &c., comes naturally to sum up and crown their assertions of Apollo's and Diana's goodwill; it would be abrupt if the prayer continued to v. 72.

69. **Aventinum.** The chief temple on the Aventine was that of Diana; cp. Liv. 1. 45.

Algidum; see Od. 1. 21. 6.

70. **quindecim virorum.** The 'xv viri sacris faciendis,' or 'sacrorum,' were the 'collegium' who had the custody of the Sibylline books, and the duty of superintending any religious ceremonies prescribed in them. The college at first consisted only of two. It was raised to ten about the year B.C. 367 ('decemviri,' Liv. 6. 37, 42), and subsequently to fifteen, probably by Sulla. Aeneas is made to promise the Cumaean Sibyl the institution of the priesthood in Virg. Aen. 6. 72 'Hic ego namque tuas sortis arcanaque fata Dicta meae genti ponam, lectosque sacrabo, Alma, viros.'

71. **puerorum,** both boys and girls, quite in accordance with the old use of 'puer' for either sex. Priscian quotes from Naevius, 'Proserpina puer Cereris,' from Livius, 'Saturni puer regina.'

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EPODE I

‘YOU, Maecenas, are going to expose yourself to all the dangers of war for Caesar’s sake—what think you I shall do, to whom you are as much as Caesar can be to you? I shall follow you to the world’s end. Do you ask what good I can do? I shall be in less terror if I am with you than if I am absent. I have no selfish motive. Your bounty has made me rich enough already. I don’t want more either to hoard or to squander.’

This Epode is usually referred (after the Scholiast) to the spring of B.C. 31, when Octavianus according to Dion (50. 11), before setting out to Actium, summoned the chief men of Rome, senators and equites, to meet him at Brundisium: *τοὺς μὲν ὅπως τι συμπράξωσιν αὐτῷ, τοὺς δ’ ὅπως μὴδὲν μονωθέντες νεοχμῶσωσι, τό τε μέγιστον ὅπως ἐνδείξεται τοῖς ἀνθρώποις ὅτι καὶ τὸ πλείστον καὶ τὸ κράτιστον τῶν Ῥωμαίων ὁμογνώμονοὺν ἔχουσι*. It would be probable that Maecenas would go with the rest, even if he returned to Rome, as Dion (51. 3) speaks of his having been left in charge of Rome and Italy during the campaign; but see *Introductio* to Epod. 9.

1. **Liburnis**, Od. 1. 37. 30, ships of a light build, modelled on the piratical vessels of the Liburni, a tribe on the Illyrian coast. They were the strength of Octavianus’ fleet at Actium.

alta propugnacula. If the scene is Actium, these are the wooden towers on Antony’s ships. Virg. Aen. 8. 691 ‘*pelago credas innare revulsas Cycladas aut montis concurrere montibus alas*, Tanta mole viri turritis puppibus instant.’

4. **tuo**, sc. ‘periculo’; ‘at your own peril.’

5. **si superstite**. This was read by Porph., who notices the difficulty of construction, and gives the true explanation, viz. that ‘sit’ has to be understood both with ‘te superstite’ and with ‘contra,’ ‘if it be spent in thy lifetime.’ It is not harder than ‘*ni tecum simul*’ just below. A few MSS. omit ‘si,’ leaving the verse unmetrical, and some of the old editions have ‘sit.’

7. **utrumne**. Cicero has (*pro Quinct.* 30. 92) ‘*utrum possitne se . . . defendere . . . an . . . addicatur*,’ where the usage is logically correct, ‘which of the two things? this? or that?’ The coalescing of the two words is poetical, and does not appear in prose writers till the silver age. Horace uses ‘ne’ with interrogatives more freely than other writers, e.g. ‘*uterne*,’ Sat. 2. 2. 107; ‘*quone*,’ Sat.

2. 3. 295; ‘*quantane*,’ Sat. 2. 3. 317.

iussi, ‘as you bid us.’

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9. Best taken with Nauck, 'An hunc laborem [persequemur], laturi [eum] mente,' &c. He points out that 'feremus' answers the question of 'laturi,' 'sequemur' (v. 14) of 'persequemur.' Others make 'laturi' = 'laturi sumus,' the verb of the sentence.

12. **inhospitalem Caucasum**, Od. 1. 22. 6.

13. **sinum**, Virg. G. 2. 123 'extremi sinus orbis,' where see Conington. It would seem here to mean the last winding of the shore as it trends westward towards the Atlantic, so that it is the equivalent of 'Gades' in Od. 2. 6. 1.

16. See on Od. 2. 7. 10.

19. **adsidens**, of the general time when she has a callow brood, for at the moment, *ex hypothesi*, she has left them.

21. **ut adsit**, 'even supposing she were present,' Madvig. L. G. § 440 a, obs. 4, so Cic. pro Mil. 17. 46 'Ut enim neminem alium nisi T. Patinam familiarissimum suum rogasset, scire potuit,' &c., and so also, if the subjunctive be read there, Mur. 34. 71 'si ut suffragentur nihil valent gratia.' Bentley, objecting to the tautology of 'ut adsit . . . praesentibus,' would adopt 'uti sit,' 'non uti' being = 'non quo,' 'not that she could give,' &c. This was the reading of one of Cruquius' MSS., and he draws support for it from the unmetrical 'ut sit' which is found in several good MSS. The vulg. was interpreted by Porph. Orelli suggests that the tautology is of a kind rather affected by Latin writers, e.g. Ter. Ad. 4. 5. 34 'cum hanc sibi videbit praesens praesenti eripi.'

23. **militabitur bellum**, as 'pugnata bella,' Od. 3. 19. 4, Epp. 1. 16. 25.

24. **in spem**, 'to further my hope,' as 'in honorem,' Od. 1. 7. 8.

gratiae is opposed to the more sordid objects which are repudiated in the following lines.

25-28. Compare the imagined objects of prayer in Od. 1. 31. 3 foll. 'Non opimae Sardiniae segetes feraces, Non aestuosae grata Calabriae Armenta.' Cp. Epp. 2. 2. 177, in a similar connexion, 'Calabris Saltibus adiecti Lucani.'

26. **nitantur**, 'struggle'; 'aratri nisus poetice tribuitur qui proprie boum est,' Orelli.

mea. The best MSS. have 'meis,' but the copyists seem to have got into confusion between the terminations of 26, 28, and 30; 'pascua' dividing the older MSS. pretty equally with 'pascuis.' Sound and the balance of the adjective between 'iuuencis' and 'aratra' are in favour of the nominative which is given by Orelli, Dill^r., and Munro; Keller and Kiessling have 'meis.'

27. Orelli quotes Varro R. R. 2. 1. 16 'greges ovium longe abiguntur ex Apulia in Samnium aestivatum,' and ib. 2. 2. 9 'mihi greges in Apulia hibernabant qui in Reatinis montibus aestivabant.' For the construction of 'mutet' see Od. 1. 17. 2.

29. 'Nor that I may have a country house on the outskirts of Tusculum.'

superni describes its situation, crowning the Eastern summit of the Alban hills above the modern Frascati.

30. **Circaea**, as he calls the same hill in *Od.* 3. 29. 8 'Telegoni iuga parricidae,' q. v.

31. Cp. *Od.* 2. 18. 52, 3. 16. 38.

33. **Chremes**, apparently a miser of comedy, like the *Euclio* of the *Aulularia*, but the play or author is not known.

34. **discinctus**. The word is used literally or with no sense further than 'at one's ease,' in *Sat.* 2. 1. 73. It has got here, and in later authors, the sense of careless, loose, profligate; partly through the association of this mode of dress with idle and luxurious habits, partly through the metaphorical colour borrowed from the already established use of 'dissolutus.' In the text the second 'ut' is understood; some MSS. supply it.

EPODE II

HORACE gives a point to his praises of country life by putting them into the mouth of a money-lender notorious for his keenness in his trade. Cp. the saying attributed apparently to the same person, the 'fenerator *Alfius*,' by *Columella* (1. 7) 'vel optima nomina non appellando fieri mala,' 'that the best debtors become bad ones if you let them alone.' There does not seem to be any attempt to make the usurer speak in character through the poem; the pleasures named are those which any Roman poet would have named (cp. *Virg. G.* 2. 493 foll., *Tibull.* 1. 1 foll.), and they are no doubt such as Horace feels himself. The irony of the conclusion ('so the most unlikely people say, although their acts again give the lie to it'), as *Sellar* points out, is like the ironical conclusion of so many Odes: Horace will not press too hard even his praises of country life: but the character of the irony is due to the nature of the poem; it turns an *Idyll* into an *Epo*de. Its point is rather the strength of the 'ruling passion' (cp. the 'mercator' of *Od.* 1. 1. 16, who in the storm 'otium et oppidi Laudat rura sui; mox reficit ratis Quassas') than, as has been suggested, the elaborate hypocrisy of a money-lender who makes his panegyric on a rustic life an excuse for pressing his debtors for repayment, while he means all the while to put the money out to interest again at the next settlement-day.

The diction of the *Epo*de reminds us constantly of the *Georgics*.

3. **exercet**, of continuous labour at anything, *Virg. G.* 1. 99 'Exercetque frequens tellurem.'

4. **solutus omni faenore**. He has nothing to do with usurers; his land came to him from his father; his bullocks were bred on his farm.

5, 6. He is not a soldier to have his sleep broken by the bugle, nor a trader to fear storms at sea.

7, 8. Cp. *Virg. G.* 2. 501 'nec ferrea iura Insanumque forum . . . vidit,' and *ib.* 503 'alii . . . penetrant aulas et limina regum.'

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9. **ergo**. 'And so,'—as he is free from these preoccupations, he can enjoy the simple tasks and pleasures of the country.

propagine, the technical name for the young vine-plant grown from a layer, Virg. G. 2. 26 and 63.

9-13. **aut . . . aut . . . que**. Compare vv. 15, 16, 17 'aut,' 'aut,' 'vel.' The first triplet of alternatives describes the pleasant tasks of preparation, the second those of gathering the fruits. In each case the last of the three is marked by a change of the conjunction, cp. vv. 31, 33, 35 'aut,' 'aut,' 'que,' Od. 1. 12. 5, 6 'aut,' 'aut,' 've.' Several editors have followed Fabricius in transposing vv. 11, 12 and 13, 14, on the ground that the pasturing of cattle seems out of place between the more cognate operations of transplanting vines and grafting fruit-trees. But it is scarcely possible that the mistake should have vitiated every existing MS. Bentley points out that the two operations are, after all, very distinct, and belong to different times of the year. The feeling of the passage is the great choice of pleasant tasks which the countryman enjoys, and the sense of this would perhaps be diminished rather than increased by sorting them too nicely.

10. **altas** answers to 'adulta'; the plants are now (in three years, Columella de Arb. 7) grown large enough to clamber a tree, which would have been too tall for them before. Ritter points out that 'altas' appeals to the eye, as does 'prospectat' in the next couplet. His labour is associated with pleasant sights and sounds. For the metaphor of 'maritat' cp. Od. 2. 15. 4, 4. 5. 30.

13. **que**. It is better to take 'que' as disjunctive (see on Od. 1. 3. 9 and 3. 11. 49), than with Bentley to alter it here and in v. 63 to 've.'

14. **feliciores**, as Virgil, of the grafted tree, G. 2. 81 'Exiit ad caelum ramis felicibus.'

16. **infirmas**. The Scholiast interprets 'unable to bear the weight of their wool'; but it is probably no more than an habitual epithet = 'molle pecus,' and only in point as helping the general idea of peacefulness, 'the unresisting sheep.'

17. **vel**, see on v. 9-12. Macl. rightly points out that the uses of 'vel cum,' in an elliptical construction with no apodosis (as in Virg. Aen. 11. 406), although quoted by Orelli and others, are not relevant. Sat. 2. 7. 95 is a real parallel. The apodosis here is 'ut gaudet,' 'how he rejoices!' cp. v. 61 'ut iuvat.'

19. **gaudet decerpens**, a Greek use of the participle, ἡδεται δρέπων.

20. **certantem purpuræ**, 'rivalling the purple dye': for dative cp. Od. 1. 1. 15 'luctantem fluctibus,' &c.

21. Priapus is to be paid as the protector of gardens. Virg. E. 7. 33, Catull. 20. Silvanus is not only, as in Od. 3. 29. 23, the wild forest-god, but also a patron of country life and pursuits, 'arvorum pecorisque deus,' Virg. Aen. 8. 601, and specially under the title of 'Silvanus orientalis,' like Terminus, a protector of the sacred 'landmark,' the symbol of property, Dict. Biog. s. v.

23. Some good MSS. begin a new Epode here, and Acr. supports them, writing at v. 1 'Laus vitae rusticae,' and here 'Introducitur quendam feneratorum loquentem et laudantem vitam quietam nec tamen suum propositum deserentem.' See *Introd. to Od.* 1. 7.

24. *tenaci* seems to mean 'soft and deep,' that makes a couch from which you do not slip.

25. *rivis*, the reading of V and B against 'ripis,' the reading of a large number of MSS. 'Altis rivis,' must apparently mean 'in brimming watercourses': 'altis ripis' has been variously rendered; Bentley, who prefers it on the ground that we are speaking of summer or autumn when streams are low, interprets 'with their banks high,' i. e. 'deep between their banks.' But a comparison of *Lucr.* 2. 362 (in the same connexion as this) 'summis labentia ripis,' and *Quint.* 12. 2 'Ut vis amnium maior est altis ripis multoque gurgitis tractu fluentium quam tenuis aquae et obiectu lapillorum resultantis,' would suggest that if Horace wrote 'altis ripis' he meant rather 'high up its banks,' so that it comes to the same as 'rivis.'

27. *obstrepunt*, sc. 'audientibus,' see *Od.* 3. 30. 10. Markland founded on *Prop.* 4. 4. 4 'Multaque nativis obstreperit arbor aquis,' an ingenious conj. 'frondes' for 'fontes,' 'lymphis' being then the dative.

28. *quod*, sc. 'murmur quod.'

29-36. We pass to winter amusements.

29. *tonantis*, an epithet of the god which has become almost a part of his name; but it serves to recall his influence on the weather and responsibility for storms, although thunder is rather an accessory of summer storms.

annus hibernus, the wintry part of the year, as 'frigidus annus,' *Virg. Aen.* 6. 311. 'Jove's winter' is the winter which in its season Jove brings round again, *C. S.* 32 'Iovis aurae.'

32. *obstantis*, 'set to stop them.'

33. *levi*, prob. 'smooth,' though as 'ames' does not occur elsewhere in poetry, it is not possible to pronounce certainly on the quantity of its first syllable.

rara, 'open,' 'wide-meshed,' see *Con. on Virg. Aen.* 4. 131. The epithets, though, as has been remarked, more abundant than Horace's maturer taste would have admitted, serve, by recalling the circumstances, to recall the pleasures of the sport.

35. *laqueo*, a disyllable, not an anapaest, cp. *Epod.* 5. 79, 11. 23, and see *Index of Metres*.

37 foll. The 'malae amoris curae,' its follies and fancies and jealousies, are left for the idle and luxurious life of the city. The 'pudica uxor' and the pleasures of home are more likely to be found in the country. *Virg. G.* 2. 523 'dulces pendent circum oscula nati; Casta pudicitiam servat domus.' For the attraction which makes 'curas' agree with the relative, and leaves 'malarum' without a subst., cp. *Sat.* 1. 4. 2 'alii quorum comoedia prisca virorum est,' *Virg. Aen.* 1. 573 'urbem quam statuo, vestra est.'

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39. **quodsi.** The apodosis begins at v. 49 'non me.' If I can have all these home pleasures I do not care for the less luxurious diet. Haupt's alteration, 'quid si,' impairs the antithesis between the 'pudica uxor,' &c., and vv. 37, 38.

in partem, ἐν μέρει, 'for her share.'

iuvet, with a zeugma. It is the appropriate verb only with 'domum,' 'graces,' 'helps.' By uniting closely the two substantives, 'the home with its blooming children,' we can bring 'dulcis liberos' into some recognizable relation to it, but still the new substantive breathes into the verb a new idea of 'helping to govern,' which does not belong to it properly, and which was not needed so long as it was only constructed with 'domum.'

41. **Sabina,** Od. 3. 6. 37 foll., Virg. G. 2. 532.

42. **pernicis** = 'strenui'; 'impiger Apulus,' Od. 3. 16. 26. The whole passage is imitated by Statius, Silv. 5. 1. 122 foll.

Apuli, see on Od. 1. 22. 13 and 3. 5. 9.

43. **exstruat,** a natural asyndeton, which Lambinus and others needlessly fill up by reading 'sacrum et' or 'sacrumque.'

44. **sub adventum,** 'as her husband's return draws near.'

45. **laetum,** as Virgil's 'laeta armenta,' 'healthy,' 'fruitful.'

47. **horna,** of the simplicity of his rustic fare, 'wine of the year,' and so drunk, as we should say, 'from the wood'; never drawn off from the 'dolium' into 'amphorae' or 'cadi' for storing.

48. **dapes inemptas,** Virg. G. 4. 132.

49-60. Compare Sat. 2. 2, where a 'pernix Apulus' discourses in favour of plain living; most of the dainties named here occur there also.

49. **Lucrina,** from the Lucrine lake; Sat. 2. 4. 32 'Lucrina peloris.'

50. **scari,** Sat. 2. 2. 22.

51. **intonata,** of the noise of the wind. Cp. Virg. G. 1. 371 'Eurique Zephyrique tonat domus.' The deponent form is not found elsewhere.

53. **Afra avis,** Juv. 11. 142. Martial 3. 58. 15 calls apparently the same birds 'Numidicae guttatae.' They are commonly identified with our guinea-fowl.

54. **attagen,** Mart. 13. 61 'Inter sapes fertur alitum primus Ionicarum gustus attagenarum.' It is said to be the heathcock.

56-58. **oliva . . . lapathi . . . malvae,** cp. Od. 1. 31. 15, 16 'Me pascunt olivae, Me cichorea levesque malvae,' where 'leves' answers to 'gravi salubres corpori.' 'Lapathum' is our sorrel.

59. His vegetable diet is varied with meat on rare occasions, on the festival of Terminus (Feb. 23, cp. Ov. Fast. 2. 639 foll.), or when a kid has been torn by a wolf but snatched from his mouth. Cp. Martial's Cenula (10. 48. 14) 'haedus inhumani raptus ab ore lupi,' and Plutarch's saying (Sympos. 2. 9), τὰ λυκόβρωτα πρόβατα τὸ κρέας γλυκύτατον παρέχειν, which sounds like our 'the nearer the bone,' &c., a half-humorous excuse for thrift.

65. **ditis examen domus,** i. e. the proof of rustic opulence, Tib.

2. 1. 23 'Turbaque vernarum saturi bona signa coloni.' Cp. Martial's description of Faustinus' villa, 3. 58. 22 'Cingunt serenum lactei focum vernae Et larga festos lucet ad Lares silva.' The 'focus' is in the middle of the 'atrium,' the images of the Lares near it, glowing brightly with the blaze, and the slaves, all born on the estate, are gathered round it.

69. **redegit.** Bentley shows by a large collection of instances, chiefly from Cicero, that this was the usual word for calling in money that had been let or was otherwise due.

70. **Kalendis** = before a month is out. The Kalends, Ides, and Nones were all days of settlement. Cic. Verr. 2. 1. 57 'Nemo Rabonio molestus est neque Kalendis Decembribus neque Nonis neque Idibus.' Compare for the Ides Sat. 1. 6. 75, where they are the monthly pay-day at schools, and for the Kalends Sat. 1. 3. 87 'Qui nisi, cum tristes misero venere Kalendae, Mercedem aut nummos unde unde extricat,' &c. Interest at Rome was calculated by the month.

ponere, to 'lend' it again. A. P. 421 'dives positus in faenore nummis.'

EPODE III

A MOCK heroic invective against garlic. Horace has eaten some dish seasoned with it at Maecenas' table, and he treats it as a practical joke of his host's (v. 20 'iocose Maecenas'). 'Garlic should be substituted for hemlock in the punishment of parricides. What can the reapers' stomachs be made of? He has taken poison—viper's blood, some decoction of Canidia's—the very drug which Medea used to prevent the bulls touching Jason, and to destroy Creusa. The heat of Apulia in the dog-days, of Hercules' fiery garment, was nothing to it. If Maecenas has the bad taste to have such a dish again, may he be rewarded by finding that he cannot get a kiss if he wishes it.'

Compare the commencement of Od. 2. 13.

1. **olim.** The development according to the context, from an original meaning 'at that time,' i.e. 'not at this time,' of the definite meanings 'at a past time' (as Od. 3. 11. 5 'nec loquax olim') and 'at a future time' (as Od. 2. 10. 17 'non, si male nunc, et olim Sic erit'), as well as the colourless meaning 'at any time,' 'ever' (as in this place; cp. Sat. 1. 1. 25 'ut pueris olim dant crustula blandi Doctores,' Epp. 1. 10. 42, &c.), affords a good illustration of the general history of particles the most definite in their eventual meaning, such as 'dum,' 'nam,' and even the negatives; it also illustrates the various uses of the Greek aorist.

3. **edit,** an archaic form of the subjunctive; Sat. 2. 8. 90.

4. **messorum,** for it was a usual ingredient in their messes;

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Virg. E. 2. 10 'Thestylis et rapido fessis messoribus aestu Alia serpyllumque herbas contundit olentis.'

6. **viperinus cruor**; Od. 1. 8. 9.

7. **malas**, i.e. poisonous; Virg. Aen. 2. 471 'mala gramina pastus.'

8. **Canidia**; see Introd. to Epod. 5 and 17.

9. **ut**, temporal, as Epod. 5. 11.

praeter omnis, with 'mirata est.'

candidum, of young beauty, as 'candide Bassareu,' Od. 1. 18. 11.

11. **ignota** expresses the difficulty of the task; none had yoked them yet.

13. **paelicem**. So Medea would call Creusa or Glauce, feeling that she herself was his true wife; cp. Epod. 5. 61-66.

14. **serpente alite**, on her chariot drawn by winged serpents; cp. Od. 4. 1. 10 'ales oloribus.'

15. **siderum**, as Epod. 16. 61 'astri . . . aestuosa . . . impotentia,' of the dog-days.

vapor, mist of heat.

16. **siticulosae**; Od. 3. 30. 11.

17. **munus**, the present of Deianira, the robe smeared with the blood of Nessus; Epod. 17. 31.

efficacis. Ritter points out that neither 'umeris' nor 'efficacis' are inert: 'those shoulders that had wrought such miracles of strength, were not proof against Nessus' poison.'

EPODE IV

A VIOLENT attack on some freedman, who moved the wrath of Horace and of the citizens by his display and arrogance. 'A little while ago flogged as a slave: now with a fine estate in Campania, a pony-carriage on the Appian way, and a seat at spectacles among the "equites"! With what face do we fit our fleets against Sextus Pompey and his runaway slaves, if we let a man of the same stamp hold the rank of "tribunus militum"?'

We can hardly doubt that the Epode was aimed at some real person. The Scholiasts say Menas, or Menodorus, the freedman and friend of Sextus Pompeius (see on Od. 3. 16. 16), who, in B.C. 38, being then in command of a fleet and of the island of Sardinia, deserted to Octavianus, and was received by him with great honour: Dion 48. 45 ἐν τιμῇ μεγάλῃ ἤγαγε δακτυλίοις τε χρυσοῖς ἐκόσμησε καὶ ἐς τὸ τῶν ἱππέων τέλος ἐσίγραψε. Suetonius (Oct. 74) mentions him as the only 'libertinus' whom Augustus ever invited to his own table. In B.C. 36 he returned for a short time to the service of his old master, but again deserted to Octavianus, and was received, if not to confidence yet to employment. He died in

35. Various difficulties have been felt in this identification. The absence of any mention of the fickleness and treachery of Menas, has been thought to fix the date of the Epode, if it refers to him, to the period between his first desertion of Sextus Pompeius and his return to his service in 36. Yet during that time he was serving with the fleet which he had carried over to Octavianus' side; and, though he may have visited Rome, he can hardly have become as familiar a sight to the Roman populace as is implied by vv. 11-16. The office of 'tribunus militum' seems also a strange one to be selected (Horace would choose the highest that he filled) for the commander of a fleet. Several MSS., including B and A, head the Epode with the words 'Ad Sextum Menam libertinum. Vedium Rufum ex servitute miratur usurpasse equestrem dignitatem usque ad tribunatum militum,' with no sign that the two inscriptions are inconsistent or alternative; a common mistake, which seems to lead us back to some common authority of greater antiquity. Of the two names offered, Menas was a likely guess to any one who knew the history of the time, and therefore carries with it less probability than the entirely unknown name of Vedius Rufus, to which there was nothing in the text or in the generally known histories to lead a copyist or annotator. Orelli shows from an inscription that Rufus is found among the cognomina of the Vedii.

1. Epod. 15. 7, a proverb for implacable hate; Hom. Il. 22. 262 Οὐδὲ λύκοι τε καὶ ἄρνες ὁμόφρονα θυμὸν ἔχουσιν, | ἀλλὰ κακὰ φρονέουσι διαμπερές ἀλλήλοισιν' | ὥς οὐκ ἔστ' ἐμὲ καὶ σὲ φιλήμεναι.

sortito obtigit, a phrase found also in Plautus, Merc. 1. 2. 24.

3. **Hibericis**, of Spanish broom; Plin. N. H. 19. 1 and 7. Quintilian (8. 2) laughs at an advocate who spoke of 'herbae Hibericae' meaning 'Spartum,' though no one in court knew what he meant. Those who identify the object of the Epode with Menas, notice the connexion of Sextus Pompeius with Spain, and also the appropriateness of the instrument of punishment to one who had spent his life on shipboard. In the army the centurion was armed with a 'vitis.'

peruste; Epp. 1. 16. 47 'loris non ureris.'

7. **metiente**, walking from end to end of it. The 'Sacra via' was a lounge of men of leisure; Sat. 1. 9. 1.

8. **trium**, a conjecture—for all the MSS. which write the word in full have 'ter,' which is senseless. B, however, has **t̄**, an abbreviation wrongly expanded in the other MSS. The sense of the true reading is given by Acr. and Porph., 'cum sex ulnarum toga.' For the broad 'toga,' spread out by the elbows as a sign of importance, cp. Sat. 2. 3. 183 'Latus ut in Circo spatieri,' Epp. 1. 18. 30 'Arta decet sanum comitem toga,' Cic. Cat. 2. 10. 22 'velis amicti non togis.'

9. **ora vertat**, 'make them turn away,' Schol.; 'make them turn to look,' Ritter. If we may interpret Horace by himself, it will mean neither, but rather 'make their countenances change'; cp. Sat. 2. 8. 35 'vertere pallor Tum parochi faciem.'

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huc et huc. In prose it would be rather 'huc et illuc'; cp. Epod. 2. 31 'hinc et hinc.'

10. **liberrima**; Epod. 11. 16 'libera bilis,' 'finding free vent.' The remaining verses represent the actual expression of the indignation. This is clear, as Ritter points out, from the change from the second person to the third.

11. **triumviralibus**; Dict. Ant. s. v. 'Triumviri capitales.' They had the power of inflicting summary punishment upon slaves.

12. **praeconis ad fastidium**, 'till the crier was tired.' What part the crier played in the chastisement does not appear. The editors say that he had to go on proclaiming the culprit's offence, but they allege no adequate authority. Porph.'s note is 'donec . . . praeco cum vellet desinere iuberet.'

13. **Falerni**, some of the best land in Campania. The Scholiasts remark that in Italy the vines are trained on trees, and the ground between them ploughed and sown. The Appian way is perhaps named as the road which he would naturally traverse on his way between Rome and his estate.

15. 'Sits grandly as a knight in the front seats, and snaps his fingers at Otho.' He has no fear of a prosecution under Otho's law for taking a seat in the fourteen rows reserved for the 'equites' and persons 'equestri censu,' for he is possessed of far more than the requisite 400,000 sesterces; cp. Epp. 1. 1. 58, 62. For other references to this law of L. Roscius Otho see Cic. Mur. 19. 40, Juv. 3. 159, 14. 324. It would seem from the allusion here, as well as from other considerations, that the purpose of the law was exclusive and aristocratic.

17. **quid attinet**, 'what good is it?' No exact parallel can be quoted for 'ora navium rostrata' = 'ships with their beaked bows'; but we need hardly alter it with Bentley for that reason to 'aera.' Perhaps we may compare Homer's νῆες-μυλτοπάρρηι, and Aeschylus' converse use of πρῶρα and καλλιπρῶρος, of the human face.

18. **duci** seems to imply that an expedition was at that time fitting out against Sextus Pompeius and his 'gang of brigands and slaves'; cp. Epod. 9. 9, 10.

EPODE V

CANIDIA, with her crew of witches, Sagana, Veia, and Folia, is engaged in the task of drawing to her, by spells of magic, a miserable old man named Varus. Vv. 1-10, the poem opens with the terrified prayers of a boy, who sees dimly that the hags have some dreadful intent, though he knows not what; 11-14, he is stripped and set in the midst to await their further purposes; 15-24, Canidia gives her orders for the brewing of the magic bowl. 25-28, Sagana sprinkles the house with water from Avernus. 29-40, Veia, meanwhile, is digging in the garden a hole where, if this spell proves

insufficient, the boy is to be buried up to his chin, and left to starve, that his marrow and liver may be ingredients in a more potent philtre. 41-46, Folia plays her part in the incantation. What it was, is left to our imagination; we are only told of her power—she could draw the moon and stars from the sky. 47-60, Canidia, half afraid already that her spells are not successful, appeals to the powers that witness her black arts, that her beloved (an old fop, on whom she is made to pour contempt in her very prayer) may come to her. 61-82, 'He comes not; what has happened? No herb has been omitted, nothing that could make him forget other charms. Aha! she sees it all. He is under the spell of some more skilful witch. He shall not get off, however. She has a stronger charm yet to try, and heaven and earth shall change places before she lets his love go.' 85-102, The boy understands her, and interrupts the scene with a burst of despair, in which he threatens his torturers with the vengeance of spirits and men.

The scene is laid in the interior of a house in Rome, apparently in the Subura; see on vv. 25, 30, 58. A misunderstanding of v. 43, led Porphy. to lay the scene at Naples.

1. **at**, a common particle in exclamations. It implies of course a previous train of thought of which the speaker is conscious in himself, or which he imagines in another. The exclamation introduced by it is of the nature of an answer or of an appeal ('*provocatio ad deos*'; cp. Virg. Aen. 2. 535 '*At tibi pro scelere, exclamat, pro talibus ausis Di,*' &c., and cp. the use of *ἀλλά*, e.g. in Aesch. Cho. 306). With the reading in the text (a minority of the MSS. has '*regis*'), the actual address is not to the gods, but to the witches, the first two lines being an exclamation. '*At*' introducing the adjuration, marks the change that has come over him. He can bear it no longer; he must know what they mean.

deorum quidquid; Sat. 1. 6. 1 '*Lydorum quidquid.*'

4. **unum** contrasts with **omnium**, 'so many against one.' With the construction '*vultus in me*' cp. Od. 1. 2. 39 '*acer Mauri . . . cruentum Vultus in hostem.*'

5. **te**, singles out Canidia as the principal.

6. **veris**; cp. Epod. 17. 50. The words are doubtless meant in the boy's mouth to have an innocent meaning, 'if you really know what it is to be a mother.'

7. **purpuræ**, the '*toga praetexta*.' The edd. quote words from one of the declamations attributed to Quintilian (340 extr.) '*sacrum illud praetextarum quo sacerdotes velantur, quo magistratus, quo infirmitatem puerorum sacram facimus ac venerabilem.*' It and the '*bullæ*,' a thin plate of gold hung round the neck (Pers. Sat. 5. 30, 31), are the '*insignia*' which in v. 12 are snatched from him.

11. **ut constitit**, when, notwithstanding this appeal, he was stripped and set in the midst to await their further pleasure.

15. **viperis**, '*furiali habitu*,' Schol. Canidia and her fellow witches are called Furies in Sat. 1. 8. 45.

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17. **caprificos**, a common growth of cemeteries ; Juv. 10. 145.

19, 20. The construction is 'uncta ranæ sanguine ova strigis plumamque.' Compare a charm for a similar purpose in Prop. 3. 6. 27 'Illum turgentis ranæ portenta rubetæ Et lecta exsectis anguibus ossa trahunt, Et strigis inventæ per busta iacentia plumæ.' 'Strix' is the screech-owl ; the 'rana turpis' is the 'ruba,' a toad, so called because found in bramble-thickets ; it was believed to be poisonous. Plin. N. H. 32. 5, Juv. 1. 69.

21. **Iolcos**, in Thessaly ; cp. v. 45, and Od. 1. 27. 21 'Thessalis Magus venenis.'

Hiberia, strictly the country lying between the Caucasus on the north, Armenia on the south, Colchis, which separated it from the Euxine, on the west, and Albania, which separated it from the Caspian, on the east. Its inhabitants professed (Tac. Ann. 6. 34) to be descendants of the Thessalians who sailed with Jason ; Virg. E. 8. 95 'Has herbas atque hæc Ponto mihi lecta venena.'

23. **ossa**, perhaps human bones, the dogs being those that prowled about a graveyard. Orelli quotes Apul. Met. 1, who mentions among the ingredients of a philtre, 'a skull torn from between the teeth of a wild beast.' In any case they are appropriate to this 'desideri poculum,' as typical of the rage of disappointed animal passion. Compare in this respect the more potent spell of vv. 37-40.

24. **Colchicis**= 'magicis,' such as Medea might have kindled.

25. **expedita**= 'succincta,' Sat. 1. 8. 23.

26. **Avernalis**, as the witch in Virg. Aen. 4. 512 'Sparserat et latices simulatos fontis Averni.'

28. **currens**. The epithet seemed out of place to Bentley, as the boar's bristles do not rise more when he is running, and he advocates Heinsius' conjecture 'Laurens.' But 'currens' is in point as completing the whole resemblance of the boar to Sagana bustling about. It has the more place, as we have had no definite verb to express her movements.

29. **abacta nulla conscientia**, 'not one whit deterred by her consciousness of what she was doing,' i.e. of its cruelty and wickedness. For the use of 'nulla' see on Od. 3. 20. 7.

30. **duris**, not quite an inert epithet, if we compare Od. 3. 11. 31, 4. 4. 57. The 'hardness' of the iron is in a way identified with the persistence of her purpose—she would dig till the iron was tired.

humum, the soil in the 'impluvium' of the house (v. 25) in which the scene is laid.

33. **bis terque**. So all the good MSS. and the editors since Bentley, against the v. l. 'bis terve.' He points out that the two readings differ materially in sense. 'Bis terque'='saepe,' cp. A. P. 439 'melius te posse negares, Bis terque expertum frustra' ; 'bis terve'='raro,' cp. A. P. 358.

34. **inemori spectaculo**, ἐναποθνήσκειν τῇ θέᾳ. 'Inemori' is an ἀπαξ λεγ.

36. **suspensa mento** explains 'quantum exstant aqua,' 'as much

as is above water of a swimmer's body, when it floats as though it hung by the chin.'

37. **exsecta**. This (or 'execta') is the reading of most of the MSS. Bentley's objection that we require rather an epithet to correspond with 'aridum,' is very well answered by Ritter. We do not require one, for 'aridum' is intended to cover both substantives, as is 'exsecta' also; see on Od. 2. 10. 6, 2. 11. 1, 2. 15. 18, 20, 3. 4. 18, 4. 9. 29.

39. **interminato**, pass. part. of the usually deponent 'interminor,' a stronger word than 'interdico,' 'forbidden with threats.'

semel with 'cum,' 'as soon as ever,' as 'ut semel,' Sat. 2. 1. 24.

41. **non defuisse**, 'was not wanting to her part'; see argument. The mention of Folia of Ariminum (a town of Umbria on the Adriatic), apparently a real person, and the appeal to the gossip of Naples, are intended to give an air of truthfulness to the story.

43. **otiosa**, a town of Greeks and seaside loungers, who *εἰς οὐδὲν ἕτερον εὐκαίρουν ἢ λέγειν τι καὶ ἀκούειν καινότερον*: cp. Liv. 8. 22 'gentem lingua magis strenuam quam factis.' The Comm. Cruq. says that Naples was called 'fabulosa,' 'gossiping.'

45. **sidera excantata**; Epod. 17. 5 and 78, Virg. E. 8. 69.

47. **irresectum**, 'grown long'; Sat. 1. 8. 26 'scalpere terram Unguibus.' It is another attribute of the Furies; see on v. 15, and cp. v. 93.

dente livido, black from age, to add to the repulsiveness of the picture; or like 'dente invido,' Od. 4. 3. 16, the passion of jealousy being attributed to the tooth. The action is intended to express her excitement as she awaits impatiently the issue of her spells.

49. **quid dixit aut quid tacuit**, a proverbial way of expressing want of restraint in speaking, whether, as here, from passion, or as in Epp. 1. 7. 72 'dicenda tacenda locutus,' from garrulity; cp. *ῥήτὰ ἀρρητὰ τε*.

50. Cp. Medea's invocation Ov. Met. 7. 192 foll. 'Nox, ait, arcanis fidissima . . . Tuque triceps Hecate quae coeptis conscia nostris Adiutrixque venis,' Theocr. 2. 10. 12.

arbitrae, in Cicero's sense of 'witnesses,' Off. 3. 31.

53. **in hostilis domos**, perhaps only the common formula for 'avert from my home'; cp. Od. 1. 21. 14 'in Persas atque Britannos,' 3. 27. 21. If special 'enemies' must be found, they will be her rivals in the love of Varus.

55. **formidulosis**. The force of the epithet seems to lie, as the Scholiast implies, in its suggestion of the 'awfulness' of night, 'now that your spell is on the woods and their inhabitants.' The two verses combine the ideas of the hour of midnight as the time when magic powers are strongest, and of the lover awake while all the rest of the world is asleep, as Dido in Virg. Aen. 4. 525 'Cum tacet omnis ager, pecudes pictaeque volucres,' &c.

57-60. The prayer of the next four lines is not quite clear. Why does she wish the dogs to bark? As a sign that the scented old fop is coming to her door? or to frighten him from the doors of

her rivals as he comes through the Subura? The first view would be illustrated by the sign of Daphnis' approach in answer to the spells in Virgil's *Pharmaceutria*, E. 8. 107 'Hylax in limine latrat.' The second, however, gives a better explanation of 'quod omnes rideant,' and of the care with which she has herself prepared the perfumed unguent, which he uses in his vanity without guessing its purpose. She is meant to make him (and herself thereby) ridiculous to the reader; but she would not wish him to be laughed at, except as a means of keeping him to herself.

58. **Suburanae**. 'Subura' was the broad hollow formed by the junction of the valleys between the Quirinal, Viminal, and Esquiline hills, and opening on the Fora. It was a busy part of Rome, but has a bad name in the poets; Prop. 4. 7. 15, Mart. 6. 66, Juv. 3. 3. 5.

59. 'Of such sort as my hands could never bring to greater perfection'; cp. Sat. 1. 5. 41 'animae qualis neque candidiores Terra tulit neque quis me sit devinctior alter,' 'souls of such sort as never walked the earth more purely white,' &c.

61. **quid accidit?** She perceives that her spells have failed.

62. **venena Medeae**, philtres such as Medea's, as 'flammi Colchicis,' v. 24.

63. Cp. Epod. 3. 13.

superbam is the reading of V, and sound and sense support it. But 'superba,' the reading of B, has almost better authority, as it was found by Acr., who interprets 'potens.'

67. **latens asperis**; 'I have not omitted any herb of power, because it was hard to find or grew in a difficult place.'

69, 70. The best interpretation seems to be, 'the bed he sleeps on has been smeared with a drug to make him forget all other mistresses.' It is a continuation of her assurances to herself, that no precaution has been omitted.

71. **a! a!** The truth suddenly occurs to her.

solutus; Od. 1. 27. 21.

ambulat, 'walks where he will'; i.e. is not bound by the spell to come to me.

75. **nec vocata . . . vocibus**, 'nor shall it be at the summons of Marsian spells that thy heart shall come back to me,' 'Marsis vocibus' corresponding to 'usitatis potionibus' in the last clause, both being answered by 'Maius parabo, maius infundam,' &c. This interpretation gives a more continuous sense than the older one, 'nor shall thy heart go back again (i.e. from me), though summoned by Marsian spells.' The Marsi were famous in sorcery; Epod. 17. 29, Virg. Aen. 7. 750 foll.

77. **maius parabo**, sc. 'quiddam.' Only the second 'maius' goes with 'poculum.'

infundam, 'I will mix.'

79. **inferius**, the last two syllables coalesce; see on Epod. 2. 35.

82. **atris**, of the smoky flame of the burning bitumen. With these two lines cp. Virg. E. 8. 80-83.

83. **sub haec**, 'on hearing this'; Sat. 2. 8. 43. Canidia's words

have made him despair of life, but he will curse her before he dies. The editors compare the behaviour of Drusus towards Tiberius, in Tac. Ann. 6. 24 'ubi exspes vitae fuit meditata compositasque diras imprecabatur.'

85. *dubius unde*, &c. His doubt was Dido's, Virg. Aen. 4. 371 'Quae quibus anteferam?'

86. *Thyesteas*, such as Thyestes might have uttered against Atreus, the murderer of his children.

87, 88. No interpretation more satisfactory on the whole has been offered of these hard lines, than that suggested by Lambinus, and adopted among recent editors by Dill^r, and in its main points by Munro. This makes '*venena*,' in the sense of *φαρμακείαι*, '*veneficia*,' the subject of the sentence, and understands an affirmative '*valent*' with the first clause. 'Sorceries may overset the mighty laws of right and wrong, they cannot overset the law of natural retribution,' i.e. you may disregard divine laws and kill me, but I shall have my turn yet, '*Diris agam vos*.' The merits of this interpretation are that the particular expressions '*convertere fas nefasque*' and '*humanam vicem*' will harmonize naturally, the first with Virgil's '*fas verum atque nefas*,' G. 1. 505, the second with Horace's own '*vices superbae*,' Od. 1. 28. 32. We may notice the additional parallel of ib. v. 34 '*Teque piacula nulla resolvent*' to '*dira detestatio Nulla expiatur victima*.' Bentley quotes also Ov. Trist. 3. 1. 167 '*Humanaeque memor sortis quae tollit eosdem Et premit, incertas ipse verere vices*.' That the construction of the sentence, although it is perhaps harsh for Horace, is yet Latin, Lambinus shows from Cic. ad Att. 10. 1 '*istum qui filium Brundisium de pace misit, me legatum iri non arbitror*' = 'that he, &c., will be sent as envoy, not I.' Munro would amend this version of the lines by separating '*magnum*' from '*fas nefasque*,' and making it = '*id quod magnum est*,' 'sorceries, such is their power, can overset,' &c. Of other interpretations, the best seem to be those which explain '*humanam vicem*' by Sallust's '*pecorum vicem obtruncabantur*,' Cicero's '*Sardanapali vicem mori*,' ad Att. 10. 8, 'after the fashion of men,' *ἀνθρώπων δίκην*. It would still be a question whether '*venena*' was the object of '*convertere*' or the subject of '*valent*.' In the first case it = '*veneficae*,' as '*scelus*' is used for a wicked person; there is an obvious point in refusing them a more personal appellation, when the statement is that they have no human hearts to be moved. The line of thought then is, 'Conscience cannot move you, my curses may at least punish you.' If we take it in the second way it will mean, 'The mighty laws of right and wrong are not like human things, that sorceries should have power to overset them. You may kill me, but I shall be revenged on you yet.'

Neither MSS. nor Scholia give any variations of the text, and none of the conjectures are attractive. Bentley (who offers it very hesitatingly) proposes '*magica*,' '*non vertere*,' Haupt '*maga non*' which Kiessling adopts, Keller '*humana invicem*.'

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89. *diris*, 'curses,' as in the passage of Tacitus quoted on v. 85. *dira detestatio*, the solemn denunciation of a curse.

92. *Furor* seems to be used as a masculine form of *Furia*. For the idea of the passage cp. Virg. Aen. 4. 385.

94. *deorum manium*, the spirits of the dead; literally, according to Curtius, Grundz. p. 294, the 'good' powers, 'manis' being the opposite of 'immanis.' Cp. Cic. de Leg. 2. 9 'Deorum manium iura sancta sunt. Hos leto datos divos habento.'

100. *Esquilinae*, the birds of carrion that haunted the 'campus Esquilinus,' still the 'miserae plebis commune sepulchrum,' Sat. 1. 8. 10. For the hiatus, the diphthong being shortened, cp. Sat. 1. 9. 38 'Si me amas inquit,' and such instances in Virgil as Aen. 3. 211 'Insulae Ionio,' &c.

EPODE VI

'YOU are like a watch-dog who flies at a guest but is afraid of a wolf. Turn your impotent attack on *me*: I have teeth; I follow my quarry to the death. *You* bark loud enough, but will turn aside for a piece of meat. Beware, I am a bull with sharp horns, and ready to attack those who deserve it, as ready as Archilochus or Hipponax. I will not take an insult.'

In assailing the wrong use of the poetry of invective, Horace indicates its right use. The misuser of iambic verse attacks the innocent and defenceless, and is ready to be bought off. What can we wish better than that he should provoke the true wielder of Archilochus' weapon and be the object instead of the writer of an Epode?

The person intended is not known. Acron calls him 'Cassium maledicum poetam.' The Comm. Cruq. further identifies him with Cassius Severus, an orator of name (Quint. 10. 1. 177), but a libellous writer (Tac. Ann. 1. 72). He is known to have died A.D. 32, and it is perhaps hardly probable that he can have written lampoons such as to attract Horace's anger (as this would oblige us to suppose) at the least sixty-three years before. Nor is there any hint elsewhere of his having been a poet. Ritter suggests Furius Bibaculus, who is elsewhere ridiculed by Horace (see on Sat. 1. 10. 37, 2. 5. 41), and who is classed with Catullus by Quintilian (10. 1. 96) as a writer of bitter 'iambi,' '[iambi] cuius acerbitas in Catullo, Bibaculo, non in Horatio reperietur,' and who is named by Tac. Ann. 4. 34 as a lampooner of the Caesarian family.

1. Compare Cicero's comparison of accusers to watch-dogs who are apt to bark at the wrong persons, pro Rosc. Am. 20. 57. Cp. also Horace's expression for well-directed satire, Sat. 2. 1. 84 'Si quis Opprobriis dignum lataverit.'

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3, 4. There is high MS. authority for 'verte' and 'pete'; but no MS. gives the transposition 'verte si potes,' which is necessary to make the imperative suit the metre. Either construction is lawful, Virg. E. 2. 71 'Quin . . . paras?' Aen. 4. 547 'Quin morere ut merita es, ferroque averte dolorem.'

6. **amica vis pastoribus**, 'the shepherds' sturdy friend'; 'vis' is taken (as Virgil's 'odora canum vis,' Aen. 4. 132) from Lucretius' 'permissa canum vis,' 4. 681, 'fida canum vis,' 6. 1222, an imitation of the Greek use of *βία*. The dogs of Epirus and Sparta are named in Virg. G. 3. 405. They are used there, as here, both for guarding the fold and for hunting.

7. **agam**, sc. 'feram quaecumque,' &c., the substantive appearing with the relative instead of in its more natural place as the antecedent, see on Epod. 2. 37.

8. **quaecumque**, whatever it be, even if it shall be you.

12. Cp. what those who fear his satire say of the satirist, Sat. 1. 4. 34 'Foenum habet in cornu.' Mitsch. compares the Greek *ταυροῦμαι*, 'I become an angry bull,' Aesch. Cho. 272.

13. Epp. 1. 19. 25-30. **infido**, inasmuch as he had promised his daughter Neobule to Archilochus and broken his promise.

14. **hostis Bupalus**. Hipponax, an iambic poet who used his art to revenge himself on Bupalus and Athenis, two sculptors of Chios, and brothers, who had caricatured his ugliness. Notice that each of the epithets 'infido,' 'acer,' is intended, after Horace's manner, to cover to some extent both cases. They strike again the keynote of the Epode. The masters of iambic verse whom Horace imitates were like him, unlike his opponent: they struck only at those who deserved it, and they struck home.

15. **atro dente**, the 'venomous tooth' of envy or malignity, Od. 4. 3. 16, Mart. 5. 28. 7 'robiginosis cuncta dentibus rodit.'

16. The order is 'inultus flebo, ut puer.'

EPODE VII

'Is civil war to be renewed, and Roman blood to flow again, not for the destruction of a foreign enemy, but to do the Parthian's work and destroy Rome itself? Even wild beasts do not prey on their own kind. Does anger blind you, or fate compel you, or is it mere wanton wickedness? Shame makes them silent, I will answer for them. It is the bitter heritage of fratricidal bloodshed which descends to us from the death of Remus.'

There is nothing to fix with precision the date of the Epode. It expresses horror at the prospect of some fresh outburst of civil war. The idea of the conclusion is Greek not Roman. The explanation offered in it of the succession of civil strife is fanciful and literary, without the definite political meaning which underlies the mytho-

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logical form of such poems as *Od.* 1. 2. Compare in this respect, as in others, *Epod.* 16, which belongs to the same period.

5-8. 'Not as our fathers shed their blood for foreign conquest, nor as we might shed ours to complete their conquests.'

7. *intactus* = 'integer,' *Od.* 4. 4. 66, 'non ante devictus.' The conquest of Britain is to Horace even in the *Odes* a triumph still in the future.

descenderet, to be explained in connexion with the expression 'sacer clivus' in *Od.* 4. 2. 35, see note there. The triumphal procession descended by the 'Sacra via' into the Forum, through which it passed to the foot of the Capitoline hill. Before the ascent of that began the captives were led aside from the ranks. Cp. *Cic. Verr.* 5. 30. 77 'Cum de foro in Capitolium currum flectere incipiunt illos duci in carcerem iubent; idemque dies et victoribus imperi et victis vitae finem facit.'

9. *sua dextera*, *Epod.* 16. 2 'Suis et ipsa Roma viribus ruit.'

11, 12. *feris* serves to explain 'hic mos,' as though it were 'ut feri essent,' so that it shares in the general negation and exception, 'this was never the wont of wolves or lions to turn their rage save on some other kind.' There is no need with Bentley to read 'numquam.' 'Dispar' is used by *Cic. Tusc.* 5. 13. 38 for animals of a different species. Bentley compares, for the sentiment, *Juv.* 15. 159 foll., *Plin. N. H.* 7. 1 'leonum feritas inter se non dimicat.' *Sen. Epp.* 95 'cum inter se mutis ac feris pax sit,' and notices the growth of humanity and logic in the interval; 'quo Horatius argumento utitur ne Romanus contra Romanum eodem illi φιλοσοφώτερον utuntur ne homo contra hominem bella gerat.'

15. *tacent*. He turns from the tongue-tied prisoners to the court before which he is arraigning them.

17. *sic est*. He gives the explanation which most exonerates his countrymen. 'It is the power of *ἄτη*, an interminable inheritance of unavoidable crime, dating from the first founder of the state.'

fata scelusque, not two things, but one.

19. *ut*, 'ever since,' see on *Od.* 4. 4. 42. For the thought cp. *Lucan.* 1. 95 'Fraterno primi maduerunt sanguine muri.'

20. *sacer*, 'ut piaculum luendus,' Orelli.

EPODE IX

'WHEN shall we have our feast, Maecenas, in your great house at home, to celebrate Caesar's victory as we celebrated the defeat of Sextus Pompeius a little while ago? Oh, the shame to think of Roman soldiers in Cleopatra's effeminate camp! Even Galatian horsemen deserted her, and her fleet would not fight. Why is not the triumphal procession already moving—the triumph of a captain

greater than Marius or the younger Scipio? Our foe has changed his scarlet for mourning, and fled across the sea with no harbour to go to. Bring wine, boy, and the largest cups; let us forget all our qualms and fears for Caesar's welfare.'

Compare Od. 1. 37 Introd., Introd. to Books i-iii, § 1, and Introd. to the Epodes. It has been usual to treat this Epode as written when the news from Actium first reached Rome. Plüss (following the suggestion of Bücheler) has argued with great ingenuity and force for the view that it was written *at sea*, for an extempore banquet on board Maecenas' galley on the evening of the battle. He certainly shows that the language suits best the theory of composition on or near the spot. It is difficult to explain away 'nauseam' (v. 35). Even if it be in part metaphorical, it is most natural in the mouth of one who has or has had the tossing ships before his eyes. The emphasis on 'sub alta domo' points to a contrast with the writer's position at the time. 'Quando' in Horace's usage ('O rus, quando te aspiciam!') suggests a sigh rather than a question. Some expressions, as 'sinistrorsum citae,' find their most natural explanation in the mouth of an eyewitness. The exactness of the moment selected, when the battle is supposed to be over and the flight known though its direction is only guessed,—the rapid change of feelings, disgust, triumph, scarcely veiled anxiety—the precision of some details combined with vagueness in the general picture, all suit a writer close to the scene of action, who sees a part clearly but not the whole, rather than one who hears the news at a distance. The omission of the event which forms so striking a picture in the accounts of the battle by Plutarch and Dion, viz. the burning of the Antonian fleet, is in any case unexplained. It might perhaps be suggested that the Epode represents a moment before the action itself, after the desertion of the Galatians, and when the delay in offering battle led to some premature rumour in the fleet of Octavianus that Antony had fled. On the decisive question whether Horace was actually present at Actium or not, we have no conclusive evidence. If Maecenas was, Horace no doubt was also. The professions of Epode 1, and the indications of this one then fall into their place. They certainly raise a presumption that he was. The fact is indeed distinctly asserted in the elegiac poem of uncertain date 'in obitum Maecenatis,' which was attributed, but without sufficient evidence, to Ovid's friend, Peda Albinovanus, and it is vouched for by Acron on Epod. 1. It has been held to be inconsistent with the statement of Dion (51. 3) that he was in charge of Rome and Italy during the campaign, but see the Introd. to Epod. 1.

3. *alta domo*, the palace of Maecenas on the Esquiline.

4. *beate*, 'cui omnia ex voto cadunt,' Orelli; 'happy,'—partly in all the splendour about him, an epithet to harmonize with 'festas,' 'alta,' &c., which express Horace's anticipation of the

banquet which is to match the occasion,—partly in the news of this crowning victory of his friend and his policy.

5. **tibiis, lyra.** The two instruments are used even at Homer's banquets; Il. 18. 495 αἰλοὶ φόρμιγγές τε βοὴν ἔχον. Cp. Od. 3. 19. 16–18. There is a doubt, however, whether 'mixtum' must be pressed to mean that they were used at the same moment, as the next verse would then imply not merely that the two instruments but the two 'modes' or 'scales,' ἡ Δωριστί and ἡ Φρυγιστί, could be played together (see Dict. Ant. end of Article on Greek Music). For the plural 'tibiis' see on Od. 1. 1. 32.

6. **illis, sc.** 'sonantibus,' as though the construction had been 'sonantibus mixtum carmen tibiis et lyra.'

barbarum, used instead of 'Phrygium' for the sake of the antithesis to 'Dorium.' The Phrygian mode and its appropriate instrument belong rather to orgies and revelry (Od. 3. 19. 16), the Dorian to martial music. This occasion calls for both.

7. **nuper.** Five years before, when Sextus Pompeius (in Sept. B. C. 36) was totally defeated by Agrippa off Naulochus in Sicily, and driven from the sea to take refuge in Asia.

Neptunius; he called himself the son of Neptune and the sea, Appian 5. 100, Dion 48. 19. In the same chapter Dion speaks of the multitude of runaway slaves who joined his fleet, cp. Epod. 4. 19.

10. **servis,** ἀπὸ κοινοῦ with 'detraherat' and 'amicus,' see on Od. 1. 3. 6.

11. **posterī negabitīs,** cp. Od. 2. 19. 2 'credite posterī,' of something strange.

12. **emancipatus,** 'sold as a slave.' Cic. Phil. 2. 21. 51 'venditum atque emancipatum tribunatum,' and with dative de Sen. 11. 38 'emancipata nemini.' Cp. Plaut. Bacch. 1. 1. 59 'Nunc mulier tibi me emancipo; tuus sum, tibi operam do.' 'Emancipare' by itself is 'to free from "mancipium,"' with a dat. it came to mean 'to transfer from one "mancipium" to another,' 'to sell.' Notice that the word takes up and parallels 'servis' of v. 10. This time it is not only a case of employing slaves. Romans *are* slaves.

13. **fert vallum et arma,** i. e. is a Roman soldier still in discipline and endurance. Compare Cicero's account of what a soldier carried on his march, Tusc. 2. 16. 37 'qui labor et quantus agminis, ferre plus dimidiati mensis cibaria, ferre si quid ad usum velint, ferre vallum! Nam scutum, galeam, gladium, in onere nostri milites non plus numerant quam humeros, lacertos, manus; arma enim membra militis esse dicunt.' 'Vallus' is a stake for palisading.

et spadonibus, see on Od. 1. 37. 9. 'Et' from the context acquires the force of 'et tamen.'

14. **potest,** in the sense of τλῆναι, see on Od. 3. 11. 31.

16. **sol aspicit,** a trope common to all nations, 'before all Israel and before the sun.'

conopium, a gauze curtain or tent to keep off mosquitoes. The Romans despised it as a sign of effeminacy; see Paley on Prop. 3.

11. 45 'Foedaque Tarpeio conopia tendere saxo.' Probably there is a special emphasis of scorn on the foreign name as in Juvenal's 'Rusticus ille tuus sumit trechedipna, Quirine, Et ceromatico fert niceteria collo.'

17. **ad hunc frementes**, 'chafing at such a sight'; 'hunc' = 'militem spadonibus servientem.' Compare perhaps the use of 'hic' in Od. 3. 5. 37. For the construction we may perhaps quote (with Bentley) Epp. 1. 19. 45 'Ad haec ego naribus uti Formido,' though it is a stronger support to his own reading 'ad hoc.' The general meaning is well given by Porph. '[Gallorum] ideo mentio facta est ut Romanos qui sub praepositis spadonibus aequo animo militarent magis oneraret per comparisonem Gallorum qui hoc dedignati ad Caesarem se contulerunt.' The sense is not altered, while the construction is made simpler by Bentley's conjecture, 'ad hoc,' or Fea's 'at hoc,' adopted by Orelli and Dill^r.; but the MSS. give no encouragement to either. 'Ad hunc' is the reading which has the best MS. authority, and it was interpreted by Acron. The other readings with respectable authority are 'adhuc,' which must be taken with 'frementes,' 'up till this time neighing for the fight'; and 'at huc,' which was read by the Comm. Cruq., and interpreted by him 'but to our side'; cp. Vell. 2. 84 'Hinc ad Antonium nemo; illinc ad Caesarem quotidie aliquid transfugiebat.'

18. **Galli**. These were Galatians, who with their princes Deiotarus and Amyntas deserted to Octavianus shortly before the engagement, Plut. Ant. 63.

canentes Caesarem, shouting his name as a war cry. The Scholiasts quote Virg. Aen. 7. 698 'Ibant aequati numero regemque canebant.'

19, 20. These lines obviously describe some naval defection which is matched with the desertion of the Galatian cavalry. It may be noted that Plutarch (Ant. 63) follows his account of the defection of the Galatians with the words τὸ δὲ ναυτικὸν ἐν παντὶ δυσπραγοῦν καὶ πρὸς ἅπασαν ὑστερίζον βοίθειαν αὐτοῖς ἡνάγκαζε τῷ περὶ προσέχειν τὸν Ἀντώνιον. The meaning of 'sinistrorsum citae' has not been fully explained. Bentley suggested that 'puppim ciere,' = 'to put the stern in motion,' may have been a Latin equivalent of πρύμνα κρούεσθαι, 'to back water,' and that 'sinistrorsum' may have had some technical meaning as a completion of the phrase. His second explanation seems more likely, that Horace is speaking as one who looks at the scene of war from the north, so that 'to the left' would mean 'eastward,' i.e. back into the Ambracian Gulf. It is however one of the expressions which strongly suggest an eyewitness.

21. **io Triumphae**. 'Triumphus' is personified, as in Od. 4. 2. 49, see note there. There is an emphasis on 'tu,' 'It must be the Triumph-god himself that delays the starting of the procession, all else is ready.'

22. **intactas**, 'never yoked,' and so fit for sacrifice; 'intacta cervice iuencas,' Virg. G. 4. 540; 'grege de intacto mactare iuencos,' Aen. 6. 38.

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23. **Iugurthino bello**, i.e. Marius. We notice that the two triumphs which Horace compares with the triumph over Antony and Cleopatra are over an African enemy. The danger escaped now, he would suggest, is more odious and greater than those.

24. **reportasti**. 'Reportare' is more commonly used with 'praedam' or 'victoriam,' but Orelli quotes Cic. post Red. in Sen. II. 28 when speaking of his own return in terms of a triumph 'equis insignibus et curru aurato reportati.'

25. **Africanum**. The difficulties of these lines cannot be said to be solved. For the reading, the MSS. are divided between 'Africanum' and 'Africano.' The Comm. Cruq. seems to have read the latter. If (with Bentley, Orelli, Munro, Keller) we retain 'Africanum,' which is more likely to have been altered by a copyist to 'Africano,' in order to harmonize with 'Iugurthino,' than vice versa, the constr. is 'neque A. reportasti parem ducem'; 'sepulcrum' must be taken in a metaph. sense, for 'monumentum.' Bentley justifies this by the metaph. uses of *τάφος*, *στήλη*, *μνημα*, and by such expressions as that of Statius Silv. 2. 7, who says that Lucan's poem is to Pompey 'Pharo superba . . . altius sepulcrum.' It cannot be pretended that this is quite satisfactory. In all the cases quoted there is something in the occasion or context which makes the metaphor less abrupt than it is here. The change of construction 'nec Iugurthino bello . . . neque Africanum' is (as the alteration, if so it be, to 'Africano' bears witness) rougher than we expect; and after Africanus has been named, the rhetorical description of him lacks evident point. Yet the alternatives (see additional note) have at least equal difficulties in their way.

27. **Punico**, a less usual form of 'puniceo.' Either scarlet or white was the proper colour of the 'paludamentum,' or general's cloak.

28. **sagum** was the cloak of the common soldier on service, opp. to 'toga,' the dress of a citizen; as understood with 'Punico' it loses its special sense. For the construction of 'mutavit' with the accusative of the thing taken, see on Od. 1. 17. 1.

29, 32. Three conjectures as to Antony's flight. He is gone to Crete or to Africa, or he is beating about on the sea. All these are qualified by words to express his helpless state. If he wishes to go to Crete he cannot command the winds: the Syrtes are 'still vexed' by the south wind: the sea drives him hither and thither.

31. **petit** governs 'Cretam' as well as 'Syrtes.'

33. **capaciores**, cp. Od. 2. 7. 21-23.

35. **nauseam**. The Schol. explain it by 'quod multum vini et dulce, ut est Lesbium, bibetur.' The editors till recently either followed this or took it metaphorically of disgust, referring to vv. 11 foll. Since Bücheler's suggestion (see introd. to the Epode) it has been generally taken literally; Horace either is or imagines himself at sea. In any case the coarse touch is probably intentional at the end of an Epode.

36. **metire**, 'mix in due proportions with water.'

Caecubum was dry, and tonic, *εὐτρονον*, Athen. i. 18.

37. **curam metumque.** It is to be noted that the anxiety is not represented as entirely over.

rerum, for the genitive case cp. Virg. Aen. i. 462 'lacrimae rerum,' 2. 784 'lacrimas Creusae.'

38. **Lyaeo solvere**, with a clear reference to the etymology of *Λυαῖος*, see on Od. 3. 21. 16.

ADDITIONAL NOTE

ON VERSES 25, 26.

The Comm. Cruq. seems to have read 'Africano,' for it stands so not only in the lemma, but also in the construction of the sentence in his note '*neque Africano triumpho reportasti parem Augusto ducem.*' With this reading the lines have been taken in two ways:

1. Ritter and Nauck make 'Africano [bello]' the antecedent to 'cui,' 'in [that] war in Africa for which Valour made a burial-place in the ruins of Carthage.' This has the advantage of avoiding the gravest objection which Bentley takes to the reading: 'Africano' is not made by itself the antithesis to 'Jugurthino,' for the clause 'cui,' &c., indicates what 'war in Africa' is meant. 'Africano' however remains in this case, it must be confessed, in a place where we look for a word of emphasis, somewhat tame and needless. The phrase 'sepulcrum condere bello' may have had literary antecedents which if we knew them would explain it. In itself it does not read quite like Horace, and Cicero's 'bellum sublatum et sepultum' (Leg. Man. 11. 30), which is quoted, falls much short of it.

2. Plüss, in the chapter of his Horaz Studien already referred to, gives a new turn to the whole passage by making the antecedent to 'cui' not 'bello' but 'ducem.' The lines, he says, are ironical. 'Ducem' is used not of the conquering general, but of the conquered, who is brought home to grace the triumph. Cleopatra is the person meant, and compared to Jugurtha and to Hasdrubal. The words 'cui super Carthaginem,' &c., are explained of Hasdrubal's brave words (Polyb. Rell. 39. 2), *καλὸν ἐντάφιον εἶναι τοῖς εὖ φρονούσι τὴν πατρίδα καὶ τὸ ταύτης πῦρ*, in spite of which he afterwards surrendered to Scipio. The fatal objection to this theory, ingenious and tempting as it is, is the necessity which it involves of taking 'Africano' by itself as = 'Punico,' as though the Jugurthine war was not also 'Africanum.'

Kiessling adopts Madvig's neat emendation 'Africani,' i.e. 'neque bello cui Africani virtus sepulcrum condidit.' This would avoid many, but not all, of the difficulties noticed.

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EPODE X

'PROPEMPTICON INIMICO POETAE.' Contrast it with the beginning of *Od.* 1. 3. Very little is known of Maevius beyond the fact of his being the special enemy of Virgil as well as of Horace. 'Qui Bavium non odit, amet tua carmina, Maevi,' *Ecl.* 3. 90. The few doubtful stories connected with him will be found in Smith's *Dict. Biog.* under the name of Bavius.

'Bad luck go with the ship that bears Maevius. May each wind play its part in wrecking it. May never a star show itself. Be the sea as rough as when Pallas sank Ajax on his way home from Troy. Methinks I see the storm—the sailors toiling and you pale and praying as the hull goes to pieces. May you be thrown on shore and feed the cormorants.'

2. **ferens olentem.** The two words combine in the image. It is an unsavoury cargo.

3–8. Contrast *Od.* 1. 3. 4, 'Obstrictis aliis praeter Iapyga.'

10. **qua**, the antecedent is 'nocte'; the night of Orion's setting will be a stormy one on which the guidance of the stars would be welcome. *Od.* 1. 28. 21, 3. 27. 18, *Epod.* 15. 7.

tristis, as 'tristis Hyadas,' *Od.* 1. 3. 14.

12. **Graia victorum manus.** For the relation of the adjective we may compare *Od.* 1. 29. 5 'Quae virginum barbara,' and 3. 29. 1 'Tyrrhena regum progenies.'

13, 14. For the death of Ajax, the son of Oileus, see *Hom. Od.* 4. 502 foll., *Virg. Aen.* 1. 39 foll.

19. **Ionius**, the lower part of the Adriatic. Maevius is crossing to Greece.

21. **opima**, 'apparet et pinguem eum fuisse,' *Porph.*

22. **iuverit.** Many editors have received 'iuveris' on the authority of the *Comm. Cruq.*, who explains it by 'paveris.' If we retain the third person, 'praeda' is the direct subject.

23, 24. The sacrifices usually offered for the preservation of mariners he vows if Maevius suffers shipwreck. *Virg. Aen.* 5. 772 'Tempestatibus agnam Caedere deinde iubet.'

EPODE XI

'I HAVE no heart for poetry. A different passion has smitten me. I am the victim of Love in a way that no one else is. Three years ago it was Inachia. I was the talk of the town: my moody ways, my loud complaints that she preferred money to merit, my resolutions to free myself, and my repeated return to slavery. Now it is another. Neither advice nor rebuffs will cure me. The only relief that I can look for is some new passion.'

Horace, as Ritter remarks, turns the sting of his iambic verse, in profession at least, upon himself. We know no more of his friend Pettius (or Pectius as some MSS. spell it), to whom the Epode is addressed.

Metre—*Archilochium* III^m.

2. **versiculos**, the diminutive gives a touch of ironical contempt, as in Sat. 1. 10. 58.

amore percussum, probably a reminiscence of Lucretius, 1. 922 'acri Percussit thyrsos laudis spes magna meum cor, Et simul incussit suavem mi in pectus amorem Musarum,' coloured perhaps by Virgil's imitation, G. 2. 476 'ingenti percussus amore'; so that 'amore,' made emphatic by its repetition, and explained in v. 4, has the force of a 'passion, vehement and irresistible, but not for the Muses.'

6. **honorem decutit**, Od. 1. 17. 16 'Ruris honorum,' Virg. G. 2. 404 'Frigidus et silvis Aquilo decussit honorem,' see Conington's note there. Servius says that that line is borrowed from Varro Atacinus; if so, Horace may have taken it from the same source.

7. **nam pudet**, the reason for his exclaiming 'heu me,' &c., not for the fact which he states in his exclamation.

8. **fabula**, 'a topic of talk,' Epp. 1. 13. 9.

10. **arguit**, the perfect tense.

11. **contrane . . . valere**, Madv. § 399, Virg. Aen. 1. 39 'Mene incepto desistere victam,' and so too Cicero, Rosc. Am. 34. 95 'Tene tibi partis istas depoposcisse?' It expresses surprise and indignation.

12. **applorans**, 'wailing with some one to listen.' The word only occurs here and once in Seneca.

13. **calentis**, the genitive depends on 'arcana,' 'had stirred from their concealment my secrets as I grew warm with stronger wine.'

inverecundus, 'destroying bashfulness.'

15-18. This is a continuation of Horace's own speech, begun in v. 11. 'Well, if only she angers me a little more you shall hear nothing further of these complaints. I will give up a struggle with rivals who are not worthy of me.'

16. **libera bilis**, 'liberrima indignatio,' Epod. 4. 10. 'If my anger once boil up and find vent.'

17. **fomenta**, 'useless bandages which give no ease to the aching wound,' i. e. such complaints as he has been uttering. The case requires more trenchant treatment. It is a *τομὴν πῆμα* (Soph. Aj. 582).

18. 'My modesty will vanish; I shall rate myself at my true worth, and refuse to continue a contest with rivals who are so far below me.'

19. **severus**, 'as one who would not relent.'

laudaveram, 'when I had boasted of these resolutions,' told them as something I was proud of.

20. **iussus**. You bade me go home, and think no more of her,

but my feet could not keep the purpose, but went back to Inachia's door. Cp. Tibull. 2. 6. 11 'Magna loquor: sed magnifice mihi magna locuto Excutiunt clausae fortia verba fores. Iuravi quotiens reditum ad limina numquam Cum bene iuravi, pes tamen ipse redit.'

22. Compare Od. 3. 10. 2 'asperas Porrectum ante foris,' &c.

EPODE XIII

'IT is stormy weather; the occasion, if we will take it while we may, for the greater merriment within doors. Bring the old wine. Do not let us talk of any troubles. They will come straight again. Let us draw the conclusion the Centaur taught his great pupil to draw. "You are mortal. You will not come back from Troy. Enjoy life while you are there."'

Compare Od. 1. 9, and see Introd. to it. The poem is addressed to a circle of friends, but in v. 6 the address is narrowed to a single guest. The advice of Chiron to Achilles is not found either in form or substance in any extant Greek poem.

Metre—*Archilochium* II^m.

1. **contraxit**, Dill^r. quotes Cic. N. D. 2. 40. 102 'Sol modo accedens tum autem recedens quasi tristitia quadam contrahit terram, tum vicissim laetificat'; which looks as if the metaphor here were 'has made the heaven frown.' Orelli takes it to mean 'has narrowed,' sc. the clouds have hidden a great part of it.

2. **deducunt**, Virg. E. 7. 60 'Iuppiter et laeto descendet plurimus imbri.'

siluae, see on Od. 1. 23. 4.

4. **de die**. This phrase seems to have meant 'from early in the day,' cp. the opp. 'de nocte,' Epp. 1. 2. 32, and to have been used specially of beginning in the day-time occupations, such as feasting, which belonged to the evening and night; 'partem solido demere de die,' Od. 1. 1. 20, 'Vos convivia lauta sumptuose De die facitis,' Catull. 47. 5, Liv. 23. 8 'epulari de die.' Here it is perhaps more general in meaning, 'ere the day passes,' 'ere evening comes,' the evening of life as well as of the particular day.

virent *genua*, perhaps from Theoc. 14. 70 ποιῆν τί δέϊ, ἄς γόνυ χλωρόν; 'virere,' of youthful vigour, is common; Od. 1. 9. 17 'Donec virenti canities abest Morosa,' so 'viridis senectus,' Virg. Aen. 6. 304. The knees are the seat of strength, as in Homer's γούνατα λύνειν.

5. **obducta**, συννεφεῖ, 'clouded.'

senectus, the signs and temper of age, as Epp. 1. 18. 47 'in-humanae senium depone Camenae.'

6. *Torquato*, see on *Od.* 3. 21. 1 'O nata mecum consule Manlio.'
7. *cetera mitte loqui*, *Od.* 1. 9. 9 'Permitte divis cetera.'
benigna vice, *Od.* 1. 4. 1 'grata vice.'
8. *Achaemenio*, *Od.* 3. 1. 44.
9. *Cyllenea*, i. e. *Mercury's*, see on *Od.* 3. 4. 4.
12. *invicte*, to be taken by itself, as in *Virg. Aen.* 6. 365 and 8. 293.
13. *manet*, 'you are fated to go there.'
Assaraci, the grandfather of *Anchises*, *Virg. Aen.* 1. 284.
frigida, *Hom. Il.* 22. 151, of one of the fountains of *Scamander* (the other was hot), ἡ δ' ἐτέρη θέρεϊ προρέει εἰκνία χαλάζη, | ἡ χιόνι ψυχρῇ.
- parvi*, not the Homeric view, *Il.* 20. 73 μέγας ποταμός βαθύνει, | δὲ Ξάνθον καλέουσι θεοί, ἄνδρες δὲ Σκάμανδρον. But the Romans noticed the smallness of the streams of *Troy*, *Luc.* 9. 974 '[Caesar] Inscius in sicco serpentem pulvere rivum Transierat qui Xanthus erat.' So far as it has any rhetorical purpose, and the epithets are sprinkled with a freedom which *Horace's* later style would have repudiated, it seems to carry a faint verbal antithesis to 'grande,' and to emphasize the 'smallness' of the lot, of which, nevertheless, *Chiron* bids him make the best.
14. *lubricus*, 'sliding,' *Ov. Fast.* 6. 238 'lubrice Tibri.'
15. *certo*, as 'post certas hiemes,' *Od.* 1. 15. 35; the length of the thread is unalterably fixed.
- subtemine*, of the threads of life spun by the *Parcae*, *Catull.* 64. 327 'Currite ducentes subtemina, currite, fusi.'
16. *mater caerulea*, *Thetis*, the sea-nymph, as 'Circe vitrea,' *Od.* 1. 17. 20.
18. *alloquiis*, seems to be used like the Greek παραμυθία, παρηγορία, with a genitive case, 'the sweet solaces of grim sadness.' *Bentley* would insert 'ac' before 'dulcibus' and construct 'aegrimoniae' after 'malum.'

EPODE XIV

'YOU are always asking me why I am so forgetful of my promise to finish my Epodes. It is love that hinders me. I am not the first poet who has been the slave of love. You know the pain yourself. But you are a happy man compared with me.'

Metre—*Pythiambicum* 1^m.

4. *arente fauce*, and therefore greedily, a large draught.
5. *candide*, *Epp.* 1. 4. 1 'Albi, nostrorum sermonum candide iudex,' 'frank,' 'honest.' *Horace* implies that he will be equally 'frank' in his answer to the question; so the repetition 'deus, deus' corresponds to 'saepe rogando.'

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6. *deus*, sc. 'Amor.'

nam, gives the reason of 'occidis.' 'It is wearisome to be asked, for I have only one answer to give.'

7. *olim*, better probably with 'promissum' than with 'inceptos.'

promissum, 'promised to the world,' as A. P. 45 'promissi carminis auctor.'

iambos, under this name Horace would include all his Epodes, as in Epp. 1. 19. 23 'Parios ego primus iambos Ostendi Latio.' In Epp. 2. 2. 59 he divides his poetry into 'carmina,' 'Odes'; 'iambi,' Epodes; and 'Bionei sermones,' Satires.

8. *umbilicum*, properly the knob at each end of the roller, which was fastened to the bottom of the parchment when full, and on which it was rolled. The expression, therefore, means to prepare for publication and to finish. Mart. 4. 89. 1 'Ohe iam satis est ohe libelle, iam pervenimus usque ad umbilicos.'

9-12. This may possibly mean that Anacreon also had given his love as an excuse for not writing.

12. *non elaboratum*, of a free metre, 'numeris lege solutis,' Od. 4. 2. 11.

pedem, as in Od. 4. 6. 35 'Lesbium pedem.'

13. *ignis*. With the play on the double meaning of 'ignis' cp. Od. 2. 4. 7 note.

16. *macerat*, Od. 1. 13. 8.

EPODE XV

'YOU remember the night, Neaera, when you swore eternal love to me. It is unhappy for you that I am not as light-minded as you. Your beauty will not tempt me back to you again. And for you, sir, my successful rival, be you ever so rich and wise and beautiful, you will be deserted as I have been, and I shall laugh at you yet.'

Metre—*Pythiambicum* I^m.

1. Night and the moon are named partly as 'non infideles arbitrae' (Epod. 5. 50) of her vows, partly to recall to her the scene.

3. *laesura*, by her perjury.

4. *in verba*, properly to swear according to the formula dictated by the person administering the oath. Its common use was of the soldier's oath of allegiance. Horace uses it here of a lover's oath; in Epp. 1. 1. 14 of allegiance to a teacher in philosophy.

6. *lentis*, 'clinging,' as of the vine, Virg. E. 3. 38.

7. *dum pecori lupus*, the complete construction has to be supplied from the following clause, whether we take it to be 'infestus sit' or, more fully, 'infestus turbaret ovilia.'

Orion, Od. 1. 28. 21, 3. 27. 18, Epod. 10. 20.

11. *mea virtute*. Orelli and Dill^r. take this as merely = 'per me.' But there seems an intended play in 'virtute . . . viri,' cp. Epod. 16. 39, &c. 'quibus est virtus, muliebrem tollite luctum.' His special 'manly' virtue will be 'constantia.' It might have been her happiness, it shall be her punishment.

14. *et*, after a negative clause, where we expect rather an adversative conj., as in Virg. Aen. 2. 94 'Nec tacui demens et . . . promisi.' See on Od. 1. 27. 16.

parem, 'a true match,' one faithful like myself.

15, 16. 'Nor will my resolution yield to beauty which has once become odious to me, if the pain has once entered and fixed itself in my heart.'

15. *offensae*, literally, 'which I have stumbled against': so Cicero uses it, pro Sest. 58. 125 'cui nos offensi invisique fuerimus.'

16. *dolor*, the pain of feeling deserted.

19. *licebit*, with very little difference from 'licet,' 'although,' were when, as in Sat. 2. 2. 59 'licebit Ille repotia . . . celebret . . . instillat,' the main verb is in the present tense.

21. *arcana*, esoteric doctrines, taught only to a few favoured disciples.

renati, Od. 1. 28. 10, referring to his doctrine of μεταμψύχωσις.

22. *Nirea*, see on Od. 3. 20. 15.

EPODE XVI

'A SECOND generation is passing away in civil war. Roman hands are doing what no foeman, in Italy or beyond it, has been able to do. The site of Rome will be once more desolate; barbarian conquerors will ride over it, and scatter with their horse-hoofs the bones of Romulus. Do you ask the remedy? Let us fly like the Phocaeans; leave hearth and home, and fly—anywhere; only never to come back again till stone swims and every law of nature is changed. Let us all go—all, or all that have men's hearts in them. We shall find a home beyond the Ocean. There are the Happy Islands, where the earth yields its fruit without labour, where the powers of nature never injure, where commerce has never come to taint man, nor plague to taint cattle. Jove set them apart for the good when he turned the golden age to bronze—to bronze and then to iron. It is time for those who are good to seek the offered refuge.'

See Introd. to Epod. 7. The two poems belong to the same phase of feeling. They may have been written at any time when Horace had begun to sicken of the aimless bloodshed of the civil war, and before he had seen or reconciled himself to the practical remedy which Octavianus offered for it. At present the suggestion of a mode of escape from it is not more than a poetical mode of

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expressing its hopelessness. He cannot see its issue, any more than in Epod. 7 he can see its causes.

The Pseudo-Acron quotes from a lost work of Sallust, to the effect that Sertorius, after his defeat, thought of sailing into the Atlantic in search of the fabled islands of the blest, 'ad insulas Fortunatas voluisse ire.' The genuineness of the quotation is confirmed by Servius, who, on Virg. Aen. 5. 735, refers to Sallust as having spoken of the *μακάρων νῆσοι*. Plutarch tells the same story in the life of Sertorius, ch. 9. It is very possible that Horace may have heard it, and that it may have suggested the conclusion of the Epode.

Compare the description of the Happy Islands both in thought and expression with Virgil's Golden Age in Ecl. 4.

Metre—*Pythiambicum* II^m.

1. **altera aetas**; the first would be the generation of Sulla and Marius.

teritur, 'is being wasted,' Virg. Aen. 4. 271.

2. Epod. 7. 10.

3-8. For the absence of chronological order in the list of national dangers cp. Od. 1. 12. 33-44, 2. 12. 1-4. The arrangement, such as it is, is geographical. 'No enemy however near home or far away.'

3. **Marsi**. The reference is to the Marsic or Social war, B.C. 91-88, cp. Od. 3. 14. 18.

5. **Capuae**. With special reference, no doubt, to the revolt of Capua in the Second Punic War; but the popular jealousy of Capua as a possible rival of Rome lasted so late that Cicero plays upon it in his two speeches, de Leg. Agr. contr. Rullum.

Spartacus, cp. Od. 3. 14. 19; the Thracian freebooter who, having been taken and sold as a gladiator, escaped, and was for two years (B.C. 73-71) the terror of Rome as the leader of the Servile war.

6. **novis rebus**, prob. the abl. 'in the hour of revolution' rather than the dat. with 'infidelis.' The reference is apparently to the way in which they played fast and loose at the time of the Catilinarian conspiracy, coquetting with the conspirators, betraying them to Cicero, and then within a few months invading Gallia Narbonensis. Cicero (Prov. Cons. 13. 32) speaks of their defeat on this occasion by C. Pomptinus as the escape from a serious danger, 'republica metu liberata.' The territory of the Allobroges lay between the Rhone and the Isère.

7. **caerulea**, 'blue-eyed,' Juv. 13. 164 'Caerula quis stupuit Germani lumina, flavam Caesariem.' The reference is to the incursions of the Cimbri and Teutones, which were finally checked by Marius and Catulus in the battles of Aquae Sextiae (B.C. 102) and Raudii Campi (B.C. 101).

8. **parentibus abominatus**. Orelli and Dill^r. take 'parentibus' as 'our forefathers,' but the parallel, Od. 1. 1. 24 'bella matribus

detestata,' seems conclusive in favour of the simpler meaning. Compare the common epithet, 'dirus Hannibal.'

9. **devoti sanguinis**, the descriptive genitive, Madv. § 287. The thought is the same as that of Epod. 7. 'There is a curse on this generation. They draw their crimes with their blood from their predecessors.'

10. **rursus**, 'as before the city was built.'

13. **ossa Quirini**. Porph. quotes Varro as saying that there was a tomb of Romulus 'post Rostra' ('pro Rostris,' Comm. Cruq.). And Orelli refers to this a corrupt and obscure fragment of Festus, 'niger lapis in Comitio locum funestum significat ut ali (?) Romuli mortis destinatum.' Horace ignores the legend of his apotheosis which he adopts in Od. 3. 3. 16 foll. 'Martis equis Acheronta fugit.'

14. **nefas videre**, 'sight of shame'; Virg. Aen. 8. 688 'sequiturque nefas Aegyptia coniunx'; the infinitive for the more usual supine 'mirabile dictu.' Grammatically, 'nefas' is an accusative characterizing the action of the 'dissipabit ossa.'

15, 16. 'May be, with one voice, or, at least, the better part of you, you are asking what can help you to get quit of your sad troubles.'

15. **melior**, explained by v. 37, 'the teachable, the manly, the hopeful.'

16. **carere** = 'ad carendum.' Bentley, after Rutgers, objecting to the ambiguity of 'quid expediat carere?' which might also mean 'what is the good of getting quit?' would read 'quod expediat,' taking it as equivalent to 'quod bene vortat,' 'quod felix faustumque sit.' The reading has since been found in two MSS. of the tenth century σ and τ .

17. **haec**, sc. 'ire,' &c., v. 21.

Phocaeorum, Herod. I. 165.

18. **exsecrata**, 'having sworn an oath of imprecation.' It is used with the accusative 'haec,' in v. 25. ποιησαμένη ἰσχυρὰς κατάρας, Hdt. I. c. The construction is 'profugit agros atque Lares . . . reliquitque fana habitanda apris,' &c.

21, 22. 'To fly either by land or sea.' Cp. Od. 3. 11. 49 'I pedes quo te rapiunt et aurae.'

23. **sic placet?** 'are you so agreed?' 'Placetne?' was the usual form, as Bentley remarked, of asking the assent of the senate or any public body. Horace varies the form, as is his way; see on Od. 3. 5. 42.

secunda alite, 'in a happy hour'; 'silentium contionis pro assensu accipit,' Ritter. He answers that the omens are favourable. 'Let us start at once while we may.'

25. 'So soon as stones shall rise from the water's bottom and float to the surface, be it no sin to come back again,' i.e. then and no sooner.

28, 29. 'Not till the geographical relation of places is altered; till the Po washes the hills of Apulia, till the Apennines, which run down the middle of Italy, push their chain out into the sea.'

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28. **Matina**, see Introd. to Od. 1. 28.

30-32. Virg. E. 8. 27 'Iungentur iam grypes equis.'

30. **monstra iunxerit**, 'make monstrous unions.' 'Monstra' is predicative; the animals will become 'monstra,' will forsake their nature, by mating with other than their species.

32. **miluo**, a trisyllable, Epp. 1. 16. 51, and so usually in the poets; cp. 'siluae,' Od. 1. 23. 4, Epod. 13. 2.

33. **ravos**, see on Od. 3. 27. 3. This is the reading of V and B. Many good MSS. have 'flavos,' while some read 'saevos' and 'fulvos.'

34. **levis**, predicative, as is 'credula' in the last verse. The goat will become smooth like a fish.

38. **inominata**. The happy omens are with those that go, v. 23. **perprimat**, 'hug to the end,' 'premere pergat.' He assumes their only possible motives, effeminacy, faint-heartedness, laziness.

39. **virtus, muliebrem**, for the antithesis, cp. Epod. 15. 11.

tollite, Epp. 1. 12. 3 'tolle querelas.'

40. **Etrusca litora**. He describes the way in which they would start, sailing along the coast towards the west.

41. **circumvagus**, of the ocean-stream, which was supposed to flow all round the world. *περὶ πᾶσαν θ' εἰλισσομένου | χθόν' ἀκοιμήτῳ ῥεύματι . . . Ὀκεανού*, Aesch. P. V. 138.

42. **et**, epexegetic.

46. **suam arborem**; they need no grafting. Contrast Virgil's 'non sua poma,' of the grafted apple.

pulla, of the dark colour of the ripe fig.

50. **amicus**, 'for love'; without resistance and without being driven.

51. **vespertinus**, adjective for adverb of time; cp. Sat. 2. 4. 17 'Si vespertinus subito te oppresserit hospes.'

52. **alta**, probably with 'intumescit,' the ground is not a heaving mass of vipers, Virg. G. 2. 153 'Nec rapit immensos orbis per humum neque tanto Squameus in spiram tractu se colligit anguis.'

53. **mirabimur ut**, Od. 3. 4. 13-16.

56. **utrumque**. 'Either extreme,' i.e. drought and excessive rain.

57-60. Compare this with the feeling of Od. 1. 3. 3. 24. 35-41, and of Virg. Ecl. 4. 32 and 38. The Happy Islands have been spared the tainting effects of commerce. They have remained in the state of the Golden Age when commerce was needless, for all the good gifts of nature were to be had without labour everywhere. The instances taken are of the longest voyages of which myth or history told.

57. 'Hither not the sturdy rowers of the Argo brought their pine bark.'

58. **impudica**. Medea is so called because she left her home to follow a stranger; so Europa of herself, Od. 3. 27. 49 'Impudens liqui patrios Penatis.'

59. **Sidonii**, the Phoenicians.

cornua, sc. 'antennarum,' Virg. Aen. 3. 549.

61, 62. Haupt condemns these verses, and others have altered their place, putting them variously after vv. 50, 52, and 56. But 'contagia,' 'secrevit,' seem to give the connexion which makes them appropriate here. Isolation protects their flocks and herds from disease, as it protects men from moral contagion.

62. *impotentia*, the 'furious dog-star's rage'; Od. 3. 30. 3 'Aquila impotens.'

64. Compare Ov. Met. 1. 89-127. Horace has cut down the more usual four ages to three, omitting the 'silver,' Virg. G. 1. 120 foll. only recognizes two stages.

65. *aere*, for the repetition cp. above, v. 41; a few MSS. have 'aerea,' but 'dehinc' is always in Horace a disyllable.

quorum, with 'fuga,' 'an escape from which.'

EPODE XVII

Horace.—I yield, Canidia. I acknowledge your power; cease your spells. Achilles took compassion on Telephus, and gave back Hector's body to Priam's prayers. Circe restored Ulysses' companions to their own form. You have punished me enough. I have lost the hue of youth; my hair is white; I cannot rest day or night. I deny the power of your spells no more, for I have felt them. Spare me! O earth and sea, I burn with the fire of Nessus' poison or of Aetna. When is it to end? I will do anything you ask; offer a hecatomb; tune my lyre to falsehood, and sing of you as chaste and good. Stesichorus recovered his sight on his palinode. You don't come of base parents; you never plundered graveyards; your heart is kind and your hands are clean; Pactumeius is your true son.

Canidia.—You speak to sealed ears. Are you to escape scot free after divulging the mysteries of Cotytto and witnessing the witchcraft of the Esquiline, only to make it the talk of the town? If you do I shall have wasted my labour. You wish to die, but you shall live to suffer. Tantalus, and Prometheus, and Sisyphus would like to be set free from their punishment; but they are not. There is no escape. The sword shall not pierce you, the noose shall not choke you. I will ride in triumph on your neck. I can call the moon from the sky and raise the dead from their urns. Do you think I cannot deal with you?

Under the form of a recantation offered by himself and rejected by Canidia, he repeats and aggravates the attacks upon her of Epod. 5 and Sat. 1. 8. Her witchcraft is taken for granted by both speakers. New or more definite charges are made against her, though they are put in the form 'you did not,' &c. She allows every charge, and is angry only at their disclosure. The tone is

more personal than before. It is no longer Varus or some unnamed victim of her spells, but Horace (see esp. v. 58), and it gives an interpretation to the other two poems. If they had stood alone we might have thought that it was a class, or a public folly, that he was assailing. But here we can hardly doubt that we have a personal enmity, involving more or less of real bitterness, and expressed under a form more or less allegorical. It is impossible to read the riddle completely. Horace doubtless dramatizes imaginary situations, but it is not in his way to sustain an imaginary character through three entire poems, besides making it the object of allusions in several others. Cp. Epod. 3. 8, Sat. 2. 1. 48, 2. 8. 95, and see Introd. to Od. 1. 16. This Epode is posterior to Epod. 5 and Sat. 1. 8, for it contains references to them; see vv. 47-52, 58.

1. **do manus**, 'yield'; Cic. ad Att. 2. 22 'Aiebat illum primo sane diu multa contra, ad extremum autem manus dedisse.'

2. **Proserpinae . . . Dianae**; Epod. 5. 51. They are the powers of night and the lower world, to whom witches might be supposed to pray.

3. **non movenda**, 'that may not be provoked'; Od. 3. 20. 1 'Non vides quanto moveas periclo, Pyrrhe, Gaetulæ catulos læænæ?'

4. **carminum**, of magic formulae; Epod. 5. 72, &c., Virg. E. 8. 67-72.

5. **refixa**, pred., 'to draw the stars from the skies and bring them down'; Virg. Aen. 5. 527 'caelo ceu saepe refixa Transcurreunt . . . sidera.' Conington remarks that the stars are viewed as nails that stud the sky.

6. **vocibus sacris**, 'mystic words'; Epod. 5. 76 'Marsis vocibus.'

7. **retro solve**, 'let it loose, that it may run back.'

turbinem, ῥόμβον, the wheel, which was one of the instruments of a magician. Theocritus gives a meaning to its spinning 2. 30 'Ὡς δινεῖθ' ὅδε ῥόμβος ὁ χάλκεος ἐξ Ἀφροδίτας, | ὥς τῆνος δινοῖτο ποθ' ἀμετέρῃσι θύρῃσιν.'

8. **movit**, 'moved to pity.'

nepotem Nereium, as the son of Thetis. Telephus had been wounded by Achilles, and the oracle declared that he only who had wounded him could cure him.

11. **unxere**; Virg. Aen. 6. 219, of the honours paid to the body of Misenus, 'corpusque lavant frigentis et unguunt.' Some good MSS. have 'luxere'; but 'unxere' answers better to 'addictum alitibus': it expresses more definitely the fact which is the real point, viz. that they recovered the body, though Achilles had declared that they should not have it. 'Luxere' would at least involve an ambiguity, even if it admits, as Bentley argues, the sense of formal mourning over the body.

addictum; Il. 23. 182 Ἑκτορα δ' οὐ τι | δώσω Πριαμίδην πυρὶ δαπτέμεν, ἀλλὰ κύνεσσιν.

12. **homicidam**, a translation of ἀνδροφόνος, Hector's epithet in Il. 1. 242 and elsewhere.

13. Hom. Il. 24. 510, of Priam before Achilles, καλὶ ἄδινά προπαύροιθε ποδῶν Ἀχιλλῆος ἐλυσθείς.

14. **heu pervicacis**; Od. 1. 6. 6 'cedere nescii.' The exclamation emphasizes the epithet: 'We reprobate obstinacy even in him, yet he yielded.' Orelli takes it rather as referring to the whole sentence 'ad indignitatem facti,' to the thought of Priam 'holding the knees and kissing the hands,' δεινὰς ἀνδροφόνους αἷ' οἱ πολέας κτάνον νίας.

15-18. Ritter points out that the last place is reserved for Circe, as coming nearer home to the witch Canidia.

15. The construction is 'membra setosa pellibus,' i. e. the shapes of swine, 'with bristles on their hard hides.'

16. **laboriosi**, genitive case; Epod. 16. 60. It is a translation of πολύτλας, πολυτλήμων.

17. **sonus**, the power of speech.

18. **honor**; Virg. Aen. 1. 591, 'beauty,' 'dignity.'

20. **multum**, with adjective, see on Sat. 1. 3. 57 'multum demissus.'

institoribus; cp. Od. 3. 6. 30.

21. **verecundus color**, the blush of health.

22. **ossa**. Bentley, followed by Haupt and Meineke, would alter the unanimous reading of the MSS. to 'ora,' objecting to the expression 'ossa reliquit color.' But 'ossa atque pellis' were as habitual a conjunction as our 'skin and bones.' Plaut. Aul. 3. 6. 28 'ossa atque pellis totus est, ita cura macet,' and 'ossa pelle amicta' is equivalent to 'pellem ossa amicientem.'

pelle, not used of the human skin in life and health; see Forc., s. v. 'cutis,' and cp. Juv. 10. 192 'deformem pro cute pellem.'

23. This line has been taken to show that the Epode was written when Horace was already 'praecanus'; Epp. 1. 20. 24, cp. Od. 3. 14. 25 'Lenit albescens animos capillus.' But it is no more real than the other symptoms described. They are all the effects of love in Theoc. 2. 88 foll. Καί μεν χρῶς μὲν ὁμοίως ἐγένετο πολλάκι θάψω· | ἔρρευν δ' ἐκ κεφαλᾶς πᾶσαι τρίχες· αὐτὰ δὲ λοιπὰ | ὅστέ' ἔτ' ἦς καὶ δέρμα.

odoribus = 'unguentis magicis'; Epod. 5. 59 and 69.

25. Cp. Od. 2. 18. 15 'truditur dies die.'

neque est, οὐδ' ἔστι, οὐδ' ἔξεστι.

26. An amplification of the common 'respirare,' ἀναπνεῖν (sustaining the metaphor by which he has called his mental distress 'labor'), 'to draw the breath that would ease my strained lungs.'

27. 'I am constrained to believe, to my sorrow, what once I denied.'

28. **Sabella**; Sat. 1. 9. 29. The Sabini, Marsi, and Peligni (v. 60), are also spoken of as given to magical arts.

increpare, 'ring through.' It is used of a trumpet blast Virg.

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Aen. 9. 503, of a rattling peal of thunder Ov. Met. 12. 51 'Iuppiter
atras Increpuit nubes.'

31. Epod. 3. 17.

32. Join *Sicana flamma . . . fervida Aetna*.

33. *virens*, 'ever fresh'; 'perpetua, acris, non languescens,'
Lambinus: cp. *μανίας δεινὸν ἀνθρώπων τε μένος*, Soph. Ant. 960:
possibly, as Bentley suggested, with a reminiscence of Lucretius'
'*flammai flore*,' 1. 898. Orelli takes it of the green, sulphurous
flame of a volcano. There is a variety of reading among the
later MSS., the *z* in 'virens' being scratched by a later hand in
three, 'urens' being found in several, 'furens,' which Bentley
preferred, in a few.

35. *cales*. The boldness of the metaphor attracted the notice
of Porph.: 'ipsam mulierem officinam venenorum diserte dixit.'
Canidia is a laboratory of magic drugs, in which the fires will not
slacken till Horace is burnt to ashes, which the wind can carry
about and make sport of.

36. *stipendium*, 'composition,' 'payment in lieu of punishment.'
'When will the end come, or how can I buy myself off?' Cp.
Catull. 64. 173, of the human tribute exacted by the Minotaur,
'*dira ferens stipendia tauro*.' It is not uncommonly used of
a tribute imposed on a conquered country; 'stipendio multare,'
Cic. pro Balb. 18. 41.

39. *mendaci lyra*, parallel to v. 20. He must lie to praise her,
but he will lie if she pleases. Orelli thinks that it is an equivocal,
and that *she* might have taken 'mendaci' to mean 'which lied
before in reviling you'; but the other meaning of the words would
have been the more obvious of the two. The humour consists,
not in any by-play which Canidia is supposed to miss, but in the
offering as a palinode a lampoon more bitter than that which it
professes to retract.

42. *infamis* = 'infamatae,' sc. 'a Stesichoro.' For the story see
Intro. to Od. 1. 16.

vice, 'on behalf of.' Orelli and Dill^r. follow Bentley in pre-
ferring 'vicem,' the reading which is found in two MSS. of no
great age; the construction, then, as in Plaut. Rud. 3. 5. 34 'Vos
respondetote istinc istarum vicem.'

46. *obsoleta*; cp. (with Orelli) 'Virtus . . . neque alienis sordibus
obsolescit,' Cic. pro Sest. 28. 60; 'of tattered reputation from the
meanness of your parentage.' Horace uses it elsewhere of a
tumbledown house; Od. 2. 10. 6.

47. *prudens*, 'well skilled.' It is perhaps with special reference
to the emphatic 'pauperum,' as the Scholiast suggests; she shows
her wisdom in choosing graves that were not guarded.

48. *novendialis*, 'ninth-day ashes' seem to mean 'fresh buried.'
These were held fitter for a wizard's purpose; cp. Ov. Her. 6. 90
'certaque de tepidis colligit ossa rogis,' &c. The adjective
'novendialis' properly means 'continuing for nine days'; and this
is the common meaning of 'novendiale sacrum,' 'novendiales

feriae,' &c. But it seems also to have been used of the special ceremonies which, at Rome as well as in Greece, took place *on the ninth day* after death, τὰ ἔνατα. We are dependent for our information chiefly on the Scholiasts upon this place, upon Virg. Aen. 5. 64, and Terent. Phorm. 1. 1. 16, and they differ in their accounts of the employment of the intervening days. But all agree that the ninth day was the one on which the dead was finally put out of sight.

50. **venter**=‘partus.’ The allusion is to the taunt in Epod. 5. 5.

Pactumeius Orelli shows to have been a Roman name. It occurs in the consular lists of the two first Christian centuries.

52. **fortis exsilis**, of her speedy recovery. Intended to retract the retraction.

56, 59. **ut . . . ut**; Madv. § 353 obs. Of something not to be thought of, whether as improbable or as offensive; Cic. Cat. 1. 9. 22 ‘Quamquam quid loquor? Te ut ulla res frangat. Tu ut unquam te corrigas.’ It more often has an interrogative particle added; Hor. Sat. 2. 5. 18 ‘Utne tegam spurco Damae latus?’

56. **riseris vulgata**, i. e. ‘vulgaveris et riseris.’

Cotyttia, licentious mysteries celebrated in Thrace, and later in Athens and Corinth, in the name of a goddess Cotys or Cotytto. Canidia gives this name to the dark rites described in Epod. 5, with their lustful purpose.

58. **pontifex**. A ‘pontifex’ had the right and duty of being present at all sacred rites, and of seeing that they were duly performed. Horace has acknowledged in Sat. 1. 8 his cognisance of Canidia’s doings on the Esquiline. She turns the tables on him. He was there as a very master in the art, and yet has held her up to public scorn. Orelli quotes the title which Cicero gives Clodius on account of his unlawful presence at the rites of Bona Dea, pro Sest. 17. 39 ‘stuprorum sacerdotem.’

60-62. ‘What profit, then, were it to me [i. e. if you could do this with impunity] to have made the fortune of Pelignian hags [i. e. to have paid for learning every secret of magic], and to have mixed the speediest poison? But [though I do not mean to let you off, and though I call my poison speedy] the fate that awaits you is all too slow for your desire.’ The text is that of B., and is defended by Bentley, and it gives the best connexion of thought. There is, however, good MS. authority for ‘proderit’ in v. 60, and for ‘si’ against ‘sed’ in v. 62. The question must then be removed to the end of v. 62, and the sentence will refer to Horace, not to Canidia, ‘What will it profit you richly to have paid Pelignian hags (i. e. to find spells that might free you from me), or to have mixed the quickest poison (i. e. in order to kill yourself), if a fate awaits you too slow for your desires.’

61. **velocius**, sc. ‘solito.’

62. **tardiora** answers verbally to ‘velocius.’

63. **in hoc**, ‘for this purpose.’

65. **infidi**, in his treatment of Myrtilus. Tantalus’ character is to be gathered from that of his son.

67. *obligatus*, 'bound in the way of,' 'bound so as to be exposed to.'

aliti, the vulture that ate his liver.

71. *Norico* ; Od. 1. 16. 9.

74. 'I will ride on my enemy's neck, and the world shall bow to my insolent triumph,' i. e. my triumph over you will make me as proud and as insolent as if the world were at my feet, as though I were '*terrarum domina*'; Od. 1. 1. 6.

76. *movere cereas imagines*, 'to make waxen images feel'; Sat. 1. 8. 30 '*Lanea et effigies erat, altera cerea: maior Lanea, quae poenis compesceret inferiorem; Cerea suppliciter stabat servilibus ut quae iam peritura modis.*' The waxen image represented the person who was the object of the enchantments, and was supposed to communicate to him its pains; Theoc. 2. 28 '*Ὡς τοῦτον τὸν καρὸν ἐγὼ σὺν δαίμονι τάκω, | ὥς τάκοιθ' ὑπ' ἔρωτος ὁ Μύνδιος αὐτίκα Δέλφισ*, Virg. E. 8. 80.

77. *curiosus*, 'through your prying.'

80. *desideri*, as Epod. 5. 38 '*amoris poculum*,' 'a potion to excite desire.'

APPENDIX I

ON THE UNKNOWN NAMES IN THE ODES

A DISCUSSION of the unknown names in Horace's Odes has no such scope or purpose as it would have had in the last century. No one would now dream of renewing the attempts, the futility of which Buttmann and Estré exposed, to construct out of the Pyrrhas, Lalages, and Lydias a history of the poet's loves and disappointments. Such attempts involved misconceptions both of the nature of his lyrical genius and of the chronological relation of the Odes to his life. They are not, like the lyrics of Catullus, the outpouring of the stress and passion of youth, but the conscious and elaborate work of one '*cuius octavum trepidavit aetas Claudere lustrum.*' Even with a lyrical poet of this type it may be true that each poem had an occasion, that it may touch real life at some point, but the occasion is often the slightest. The poet versifies not his own experience only, but that of others; a remark at a supper-party, an incident related to him, a casual image in conversation, are enough to set his fancy working, and the result is a dramatic sketch of the situation or feeling suggested. In any case the Odes are treated by their author as artistic studies: he arranges them not in any order of time, but where they will be most useful to relieve more serious poems or to stand as companion pictures.

In spite of this it may be worth while to point out some obvious facts about the names that figure in the Odes. It will illustrate a feature in Horace's art, and may throw some light by analogy on the employment of names in his other poems. Of the practice recognized in Latin poetry of concealing the names of real persons under Greek names of equivalent metrical value (as Virgil's Lycoris for Cytheris, Catullus' Lesbia for Clodia, &c.) there is little trace to be discovered in the Odes. The Scholiasts, usually so quick-sighted for such points, are silent except in the case of Licymnia in Od. 2. 12, which does not concern Horace himself. On the other hand, many of the names are manifestly adapted by their etymological meaning to the ideal personages depicted, as Pyrrha in 1. 5, Chloe in 1. 23, Lyce in 3. 10, Phidyle in 3. 23: cp. Sybaris in 1. 8; the list may possibly be extended by the names of Lalage in 1. 22, Leuconoe in 1. 11, and of Telephus 1. 13, &c. (Horace is fond of playing on the meaning of names, '*Glyceræ immitis*,' 1. 33. 2, '*Bibuli consulis amphoram*,' 3. 28, 8.) Some more are adapted to the metre of the special poem; as Leuconoe in 1. 11, '*Asterie*' in 3. 7, and '*Neobule*' (cp. the name of her lover, '*Liparaeus Hebrus*') in

in the Ionic a minore metre of 3. 12. With one or two exceptions the unknown male names in the Odes (the names of Horace's rivals, as in 1. 13, on any theory of a real Lydia) are Greek names, Telephus, Gyges, Calais; mythological names; sometimes the names of Greek rivers, Hebrus 3. 12, Enipeus 3. 7. We may add perhaps that where the designation is most full and precise we seem to see most definitely the purpose of giving momentary substance to an acknowledged shadow; see on 'Thurini Calais filius Ornyti' 3. 9. 14, and cp. *Introd.* to 2. 4. In a few cases we seem to see the appropriation of the name to a special character, as 'Cyrus,' 1. 17. 25, 1. 33. 6; 'Pholoe,' 1. 33. 7, 9, 2. 5. 17, 3. 15. 7; 'Telephus,' 1. 13. 1, 3. 19. 26, 4. 11. 21. On the other hand, the same name is at times given to people of such different characters or ages, that those who gave them real existence were obliged to recognize more than one owner of the name; cp. the Phyllis of 2. 4 and 4. 11, the Chloris of 2. 5 and 3. 15, the Lalage of 1. 22 and 2. 5. There are cases where a reality seems to be given to unknown names by their being brought into close relation with real persons and events, such as 'Mystes,' the lost friend of Valgius, in 2. 9; 'Glycera,' to whom Tibullus is supposed to write piteous elegies, 1. 33. In this last case, however, we note that Glycera is not a name that occurs in Tibullus' extant elegies. How much truth of fact underlies the very few love-Odes in which Horace's own personality is introduced (otherwise than by the mere use of the first person) such as 1. 33, 'Ipsum me melior cum peteret Venus, Grata detinuit compede Myrtale¹,' or 4. 11 in which, after inviting Phyllis to help him keep Maecenas' birthday, he addresses her as 'meorum finis amorum,' it is more difficult to say.

There is one name, that of Cinara (*Od.* 4. 1. 4, 4. 13. 21, 22, *Epp.* 1. 7. 28, 1. 14. 33), which seems redeemed from a mere shadowy existence, both by the personal feelings that seem to accompany its mention and by its recurrence among the reminiscences of the poet's own life in the Epistles. That a mere literary reminiscence, an echo of his amatory poems rather than of his feelings, is intended seems unlikely in the absence of the name from all his early poems.

What has been said will obviously not apply with equal force to the Epodes, where, in idea at least, personality is the essence of the poem. The introduction of Horace's own name, as in *Epod.* 15, and the pursuance of his attack upon Canidia through three Epodes and three Satires seem to indicate real and definite objects. But the use of poetical names for characters who have no existence save at the moment begins doubtless in the Epodes, as do other features of the Odes.

¹ See Dr. Verrall's chapter entitled 'Myrtale' in his 'Studies.'

APPENDIX II

HORACE'S USE OF THE COMPLEMENTARY INFINITIVE WITH VERBS AND ADJECTIVES

1. *With Verbs.*

A COMPLEMENTARY, or, as Dr. Kennedy preferred to call it, 'prolative,' infinitive seems properly to have been allowed only to verbs whose idea was not complete without such a definition of their scope; whether the simple verbs that express power, duty, inclination, purpose, effort, beginning, &c., and the negation of any of these ('possum,' 'debeo,' 'volo,' 'conor,' 'incipio,' 'nequeo,' 'nolo'); or again the simple verbs which express the allowing another, or influencing him, to do or abstain from doing something ('sino,' 'patior,' 'iubeo,' 'doceo,' 'cogo,' 'veto,' 'prohibeo,' &c.). There is a tendency, however, even in the most classical prose writers to extend the first at least of these two classes by including verbs which do not properly require any such complement, and which therefore, if any further definition of their scope or purpose were needed, would in strictness have found it rather by means either of some subordinate clause or of one of those substantival forms of the verb which could indicate its special relation more exactly than is possible with the caseless infinitive. Thus we find with the infinitive, 'studeo,' Cic.; 'nitor,' Nep.; 'quaero,' Cic.; 'tendo,' Liv.; 'pergo,' Cic.; 'persevero,' Cic. Many verbs hesitate between the two constructions, 'statuo facere' or 'ut faciam,' 'prohibeo facere' or 'quominus facias.' The poets go beyond the prose writers in this extension, greatly because their diction substitutes more highly-coloured and metaphorical verbs for the simpler ones of prose, 'gaudeo,' 'gestio,' 'amo,' 'ardeo,' for 'volo,' &c.; but Livy and Sallust anticipate some of the boldest poetical applications of this liberty.

It seems useless to seek a full explanation of each case in the doctrine that the infinitive was truly a substantive, which involves the further difficulty that we must explain in what relation (or 'case') it stands to the leading verb (see Conington's note on Virg. G. 1. 213). A Roman poet felt at once the influence of Greek usage, in which the infinitive never lost its substantival character, and of Latin precedents, which, if they may be traced ultimately to a similar source, had yet ceased to be coloured by any consciousness of it. That the infinitive is treated at times by

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Horace as a substantive is clear from such sentences as 'dulce et decorum est pro patria mori,' and from its conjunction with a substantive in the instances quoted below from Od. 2. 16. 39, Epp. 1. 19. 9.

The leading instances in Horace are, besides such common verbs as 'valeo,' 'mitto,' 'parco,' 'fugio,'—

'certat tollere,' Od. 1. 1. 8 (cp. Virg. Aen. 2. 64 'certant illudere').

'furit reperire,' Od. 1. 15. 27.

'trepidavit claudere,' Od. 2. 4. 23.

'laborat trepidare,' Od. 2. 3. 11 (cp. S. 1. 1. 112, 2. 3. 269, 2. 8. 19, E. 1. 3. 2, 1. 20. 16, 2. 2. 196, A. P. 25, 168, 192, 435).

'occupet rapere,' Od. 2. 12. 28 (so 'occupat in agrum Sabinum transire,' Liv. 1. 30).

'urges summovere,' Od. 2. 18. 20.

'coniurata rumpere,' Od. 1. 15. 7 (cp. Sall. Cat. 52 'coniuravere cives patriam incendere').

'dolens vinci,' Od. 4. 4. 62.

'invidens deduci,' Od. 1. 37. 30.

'dedit spernere,' Od. 2. 16. 39 (cp. Epp. 1. 16. 61, &c.).

'adimam cantare,' Epp. 1. 19. 9.

'fingit equum ire,' Epp. 1. 2. 64.

'vocatus levare,' Od. 2. 18. 40.

'imperator procurare,' Epp. 1. 5. 21.

'interpellet durare,' S. 1. 6. 127.

In the following instances the leading verb seems to be still more complete in itself, and the sense of 'purpose' (which in prose would have been expressed by means of a gerundive or supine or final clause) to be thrown more entirely upon the infinitive:—

'te persequor frangere,' Od. 1. 23. 10.

'pecus egit visere montis,' Od. 1. 2. 7.

'quem virum sumis celebrare,' Od. 1. 12. 3 (cp. 'res gestas sumis scribere,' Epp. 1. 3. 7).

'tradam ventis portare,' Od. 1. 26. 2 (cp. Virg. Aen. 1. 319 'dederatque comam diffundere ventis').

'me expetit urere,' Epod. 11. 3.

2. *With Adjectives.*

It is this use which, though by no means confined to Horace among the poets (cp. Virg. E. 5. 1 'boni inflare,' Aen. 6. 164 'præstantior ciere,' &c.), and not without precedent even in the best Latin prose (for Cicero uses 'paratus' (cp. Hor. Epod. 1. 3) with an infinitive), is yet sufficiently frequent with him to form a noticeable feature of his style. The easiest cases are those of a participle (which passes into a verbal adjective) from a simple verb which would require or readily admit a complementary infinitive. Such are

'sciens flectere,' Od. 3. 7. 25, compared with 'nescius cedere,' Od. 1. 6. 6.

- ‘metuente solvi,’ Od. 2. 2. 7, with ‘timidus perire,’ Od. 4. 9. 52 ;
 cp. ‘audax perpeti,’ Od. 1. 3. 25.
 ‘doctus,’ as a participle, Od. 3. 6. 37 (‘institutus,’ Od. 3. 8. 11) ;
 as an adj. in ‘docta psallere,’ Od. 4. 13. 7, ‘ludere doctior,’
 Od. 3. 24. 56. Then we have ‘indoctus ferre,’ Od. 2. 6. 2, ‘in-
 docilis pati,’ Od. 1. 1. 18.
 ‘dignus’ (= ‘qui meret’), with an active infinitive, Epp. 1. 10.
 48, with a passive, Od. 3. 21. 6, Sat. 1. 3. 24, 1. 4. 3, 25, 1. 10.
 72, A. P. 183, 283 ; ‘indigna,’ A. P. 231.
 ‘idoneus dare,’ Epp. 1. 16. 12. ‘Fruges consumere nati’ (Epp.
 1. 2. 27) is a step beyond this. ‘Leviora tolli,’ Od. 2. 4. 11,
 and ‘cereus flecti,’ A. P. 163, also belong here, the adjectives
 being only more or less coloured forms of ‘facilis,’ and the
 construction arising from the conversion of the impersonal
 ‘facile est hunc flectere’ into a personal ‘hic facilis est flecti.’
 We may add, perhaps, ‘vultus nimium lubricus aspici,’ Od. 1.
 19. 8, = ‘quem lubricum est aspicere.’

The following are the chief remaining instances :—

- ‘callidus condere,’ Od. 1. 10. 7 ; ‘resonare,’ 3. 11. 4.
 ‘cautus dignos adsumere,’ Sat. 1. 6. 51.
 ‘catus iaculari,’ Od. 3. 12. 10.
 ‘prudens dissipare,’ Epod. 17. 47.
 ‘sollers ponere,’ Od. 4. 8. 8.
 ‘pertinax ludere,’ Od. 3. 29. 50.
 ‘efficax eluere,’ Od. 4. 12. 20.
 ‘praesens tollere,’ Od. 1. 35. 2.
 ‘celer sequi,’ Od. 1. 15. 18 ; ‘volvere,’ Od. 4. 6. 40 ; ‘irasci,’
 Epp. 1. 20. 25.
 ‘fortis tractare,’ Od. 1. 37. 27 ; ‘fortior spernere,’ Od. 3. 3. 50.
 ‘firmus pascere,’ Epp. 1. 17. 47.
 ‘piger ferre,’ Sat. 1. 4. 12 (‘impiger vexare,’ Od. 4. 14. 22).
 ‘segnis solvere,’ Od. 3. 21. 22.
 ‘dolosus ferre,’ Od. 1. 35. 28.
 ‘durus componere,’ Sat. 1. 4. 8.
 ‘veraces cecinisse,’ Carm. Sec. 25.
 ‘blandus ducere,’ Od. 1. 12. 10.
 ‘largus donare,’ Od. 4. 12. 19.
 ‘lenis recludere,’ Od. 1. 24. 17 ; ‘aperire,’ Carm. Sec. 13.
 ‘saevus fingere,’ Epp. 1. 15. 30.
 ‘impotens quidlibet sperare,’ Od. 1. 37. 10.
 ‘nobilis superare,’ Od. 1. 12. 26.
 ‘ridiculus absorbere,’ Sat. 2. 8. 24.
 ‘utilis adspirare,’ A. P. 204.

The broad resemblance holds between all these that the infinitive names the action in relation to which the adjective is applicable. There is room, however, for considerable difference in the *closeness of the relation* between them, and even in *its character*.

On the first point we may compare ‘celer irasci’ or ‘praesens tollere’ with ‘blandum quercus ducere.’ In either of the first two

cases the adjective and the infinitive are essential to one another—it is a mere accident of language that the 'irascibility' or the 'power of lifting' is not expressed in a single word—but in the third case the idea of each is complete: the infinitive adds an illustration, almost a result, of the quality named by the adjective, it is almost=*'tam blandus ut ducat.'*

On the second point we may notice the change in the relation of the infinitive (*a*) when the adjective to which it is appended is negative in sense. This is clear in such cases as *'indoctus ferre,'* *'timidus perire,'* *'piger ferre'*: it may cause some ambiguity when the negative character of the adjective is less clear, or where it would have been equally open to the poet to regard it from its positive side, and to make the infinitive the complement of the whole, not merely of the positive part, viz. the attribute denied or disparaged. Contrast, e.g., *'ferre iugum pariter dolosi'* with *'cautum dignos assumere,'* *'callidum condere,'* &c.; (*b*) in such cases as the last three given above, where the adjective and the infinitive seem to have changed places, where it is no longer an internal quality of the subject leading to some action, but an action which is the cause or ground of the attribute, no longer *'brave so as to conquer,'* but *'famous because he conquers.'*

'Niveus videri,' Od. 4. 2. 59, like *'nefas videre,'* Epod. 16. 14, seems to be more purely an imitation of a Greek idiom (λευκὸς ὁρᾶσθαι, ἀθέμιτον ἰδεῖν).

APPENDIX III

INDEX OF METRES USED IN THE ODES AND EPODES

§ 1. *Asclepiads*.

Under this name are included five systems, composed of the following verses singly or in various combinations :—

1 a. The lesser Asclepiad—

— — — ∪ ∪ — — ∪ ∪ — ∪ ∪

Maecenas atavis edite regibus.

2 β. The greater Asclepiad—

— — — ∪ ∪ — — ∪ ∪ — — — ∪ ∪ — ∪ ∪

Tu ne quaesieris scire nefas quem mihi quem tibi.

In these two verses the caesura is carefully kept, in *a* after the first, in *β* after the second choriambus. The only exception in Horace's writings is Od. 4. 8. 17 'Non incendia Carthaginis impiae.' In 1. 18. 16 and 2. 12. 25, the preposition gives a quasi-caesura.

3 γ. The Glyconic—

— — — ∪ ∪ — ∪ ∪

Nil mortalibus ardui est.

In one instance, in Od. 1. 15. 36, Horace returns to the use of Catullus, and has a trochee as the 'basis,' 'Ignis Iliacas domos¹.'

4 δ. The Pherecratic—

— — — ∪ ∪ — — —

Grato Pyrrha sub antro.

Asclepiad I. employs *a* alone, Od. 1. 1, 3. 30, 4. 8.

„ II. employs *β* alone, Od. 1. 11, 18, 4. 10.

„ III. consists of couplets of *a* and *γ*, Od. 1. 3, 13, 19, 36, 3. 9, 15, 19, 24, 25, 28, 4. 1, 3.

„ IV. consists of four-line stanzas, 3 *a* + *γ*, Od. 1. 6, 15, 24, 33, 2. 12, 3. 10, 16, 4. 5, 12.

„ V. consists of four-line stanzas, 2 *a* + *δ* + *γ*, Od. 1. 5, 14, 21, 23, 3. 7, 13, 4. 13.

¹ Some MSS. give also in v. 24 of the same Ode 'Teucer et.'

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§ 2. The *Alcaic* stanza is found in 37 Odes:—

1. 9, 16, 17, 26, 27, 29, 31, 34, 35, 37.
2. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20.
3. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 17, 21, 23, 26, 29.
4. 4, 9, 14, 15.

It employs three kinds of verses:—

α . $\cup - \cup - - \mid - \cup \cup - \cup \cup$

β . $\cup - \cup - - - \cup - \cup$

γ . $- \cup \cup - \cup \cup - \cup - \cup$

α being repeated twice.

It is obvious that we have here variations of two movements; verse β repeats and amplifies the movement of the first half of α , verse γ repeats the dactylic movement of the second half, putting the trochees after instead of before it. This consideration proves that although to the ear the movement of β and of the first half of α is iambic, it was in idea a sequence of trochees preceded by an unemphatic syllable or ‘anacrusis.’ The anacrusis is as often short as long in the fragments of Alcaeus and Sappho. In Horace it is occasionally short, but more rarely in β than in α , and never in either in Book iv.

Alcaeus had admitted a spondee in the place of the second trochee. Horace made the spondee imperative, see on Od. 3. 5. 17, 3. 23. 18.

The division of the two halves of the line is marked by a caesura, which is only violated twice, in Od. 1. 37. 14 ‘*Mentemque lymphatam Mareotico*,’ and 4. 14. 17 ‘*Spectandus in certamine Martio*.’ There are two other instances where a preposition at the beginning of a composite word gives a quasi-caesura, 1. 16. 21 ‘*Hostile aratrum exercitus insolens*,’ 1. 37. 5 ‘*Antehac nefas depromere Caecubum*.’ Horace seems to have paid great attention to the rhythm of verse β , excluding, and more carefully in his later poems, all conjunctions of words which did not by their accent counteract that natural sameness of movement which we find undisguised in Alcaeus, $\lambda α ῖ φ ο ς δ ἔ π α ν ζ ά δ η λ ο ν ἦ δ η$, &c. No quadrisyllabic ending or beginning is found in Book iv except of the forms of ‘*Nomen beati qui Deorum*’ and ‘*Consulque non unius anni*.’ Verses of the form of ‘*Gaudes, apricos nocte flores*’ (1. 26. 7) are found only in 1. 16, 26, 29, 35, and 2. 1, 3, 13, 14, 19. ‘*Hunc Lesbio sacrare plectro*’ in 1. 26. 11 is unique. It was the occurrence of these two verses in 1. 26, and of the verse ‘*Alcaee, plectro dura navis*’ in 2. 13, that called Lachmann’s attention to the wrong date assigned by Franke, on Justinus’ authority, to the quarrel of Phraates and Tiridates, and consequently to these Odes, which thus became specimens of Horace’s later instead of his earlier handiwork, see *Introd. to Books i–iii*, § 8.

There is no synaphea between the verses of the stanza, but

Horace twice allows an elision of a hypermetric syllable at the end of the third verse, 2. 3. 27 and 3. 29. 35. There is an analogous licence taken in the Asclepiad metre in 4. 1. 35, and Virgil allows it in the hexameter, Georg. 1. 295, &c.

§ 3. The *Sapphic* stanza is found in twenty-five Odes:—

1. 2, 10, 12, 20, 22, 25, 30, 32, 38;
2. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 16;
3. 8, 11, 14, 18, 20, 22, 27;
4. 2, 6, 11;

and in the Carm. Saec.

It employs two kinds of verse, the lesser Sapphic, which is repeated three times—

— ◡ — — — ◡ ◡ — ◡ — ◡,

and the Adonic—

— ◡ ◡ — ◡.

The materials of the rhythm in this are the same as in the Alcaic. It is a sequence of trochees and dactyls. This is obscured in Horace, (1) by his excluding the trochee absolutely from the second place, where it is often found in Sappho, and in her first Latin imitator, Catullus, αἱ δὲ μὴ φιλεῖ ταχέως φιλάσει, 'Pauca nuntiate meae puellae'; (2) by his eschewing the break before the dactyl, φαίνεται μοι κῆνος ἵσος θεοῖσιν, 'Ille mi par esse deo videtur.' The lengthening of the short syllable in 2. 6. 14, 'Angulus ridet, ubi non Hymetto,' is perhaps a trace of the feeling that, as the first syllable of the dactyl, it had the metrical accent upon it.

The caesura falls commonly, in the first three Books, after the fifth syllable, 'Iam satis terris,' though it is found, from time to time, after the sixth, 'Quem virum aut heroa.' In the Carm. Saec. and the Fourth Book, Horace returns in this point to the use of Catullus and the Greek, and employs the second caesura frequently. In either the three Sapphic Odes of Book Four together, or in the Carm. Saec. alone, there are twice as many instances of it as in the twenty-one Odes of the earlier Books.

There is no synaphea, but hypermetric syllables are occasionally elided at the end of all the first three verses of the stanza (2. 2. 18, 2. 16. 34, 4. 2. 22, 23, C. S. 47). By Sappho the Adonic was treated as if it scanned continuously with the verse before, and this use is preserved in Horace to some extent, a word being at times divided between them (1. 2. 19, 1. 25. 11, 2. 16. 7). On the other hand, we find a hiatus at times, as in 1. 2. 47 'Neve te nostris vitiis iniquum Ocior aura.'

§ 4. *Iambic* metres.

Of these two occur in Horace:—

(1) The common Senarius or Iambic Trimeter (for the name see *Ars Poet.* 252) in *Epod.* 17.

(2) Couplets of the Senarius and an Iambic Dimeter in *Epod.* 1-10.

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Horace does not observe the law of the Greek Tragic Senarius in respect of a short syllable before a final cretic; see e.g. Epod. 1. 27 and 29.

Three instances occur of an apparent anapaest in the fifth place: Epod. 2. 35 'laqueo,' 5. 79 'inferius,' 11. 23 'mulierculam'; but Meineke rightly explained them as instances of synizesis, or using *e* and *i* as semivowels, after the analogy of 'aurea' in Virg. Aen. 1. 698, and of 'consilium' and 'principium' in Od. 3. 4. 41 and 3. 6. 6.

§ 5. These metres account for 97 out of the 104 Odes (including the Carm. Saec.), and 11 out of 17 Epodes.

Of the remaining metres, one or at the most two or three specimens exist, which are to be viewed rather, as Munro remarks, as experiments.

5. *Alcmanium*, Od. 1. 7 and 28, and Epod. 12.

It is in couplets consisting of the common Dactylic Hexameter and a Dactylic Tetrameter.

6. The couplets named from *Archilochus*.

Archilochium I^{um}, Od. 4. 7.

The common Dactylic Hexameter, followed by a Dactylic Trimeter Catalectic (half of an Elegiac Pentameter):—

— ◡ ◡ — ◡ ◡ ◡.

Archilochium II^{um}, Epod. 13.

The Dactylic Hexameter, followed by an asynartete¹ verse called Iambelegus, being composed of a Dimeter Iambic + half the Elegiac Pentameter:—

◡ — ◡ — ◡ — ◡ ◡ | — ◡ ◡ — ◡ ◡ ◡.

Archilochium III^{ium}, Epod. 11.

A common Iambic Trimeter, followed by a verse, also asynartete, called Elegiambus, composed of the same elements as the Iambelegus combined in a different order.

Archilochium IV^{tum}, Od. 1. 4.

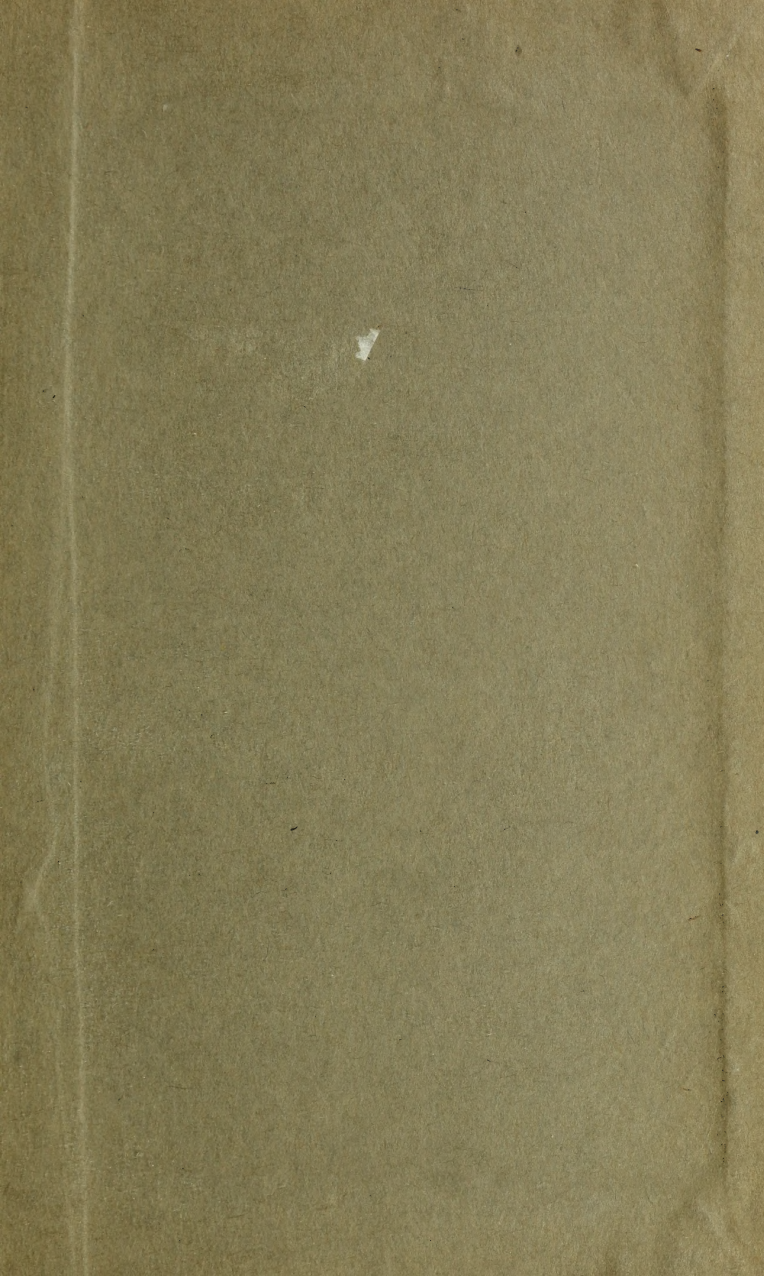
(a) A verse called Archilochius Major, consisting of a Dactylic Tetrameter + three trochees. It is not in Horace asynartete, for the fourth dactyl is always perfect, and no hiatus is found; but there is a strict caesura between the two parts of the verse.

(β) An Iambic Trimeter Catalectic.

7. Two couplets called *Pythiambic*, from the name Πύθιος, given to the Hexameter as the metre of the Delphic oracles.

(1) The Dactylic Hexameter, followed by an Iambic Dimeter, Epod. 14, 15.

¹ ἀσυνάρτητος, the term used for a verse of which the two parts are imperfectly joined together, where the last syllable of the first half is independent in scansion of the first syllable of the second half, e.g. Epod. 13. 8, 10, and 11. 6, 14. In this last case there is an actual hiatus.



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